

Minutes of the High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Nauvoo Illinois, 1840-45

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Nauvoo Hancock County Illinois

[Book # 1]

March 8, 1840

Minutes
of
The High Council
of the
Church of Jesus Christ
of
Nauvoo Illinois

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo, Illinois met in council at the house of O. Grangers March 8th 1840.

It was voted that the Council accept of the resignation of Randolph Alexander as Clerk of the said Council.

Voted that Hosea Stout act as Clerk Pro. tem. A charge was preferred against David W. Rogers, by Joseph Smith jr. for unchristianlike conduct and was referred to George W. Harris, David Dort and Thomas Grover, who was to take up a labor with him.

A letter directed to Edward Partridge, from John Whitmer, of Caldwell County Missouri, containing proposals concerning a mortgage on certain lands held by Edward Partridge, in Caldwell County Missouri, was presented by Joseph Smith jr. for the advice of the Council, where upon it was voted that he (E. Partridge) should not accept of said proposals.

Voted that Peter Hawes be appointed to negotiate a loan of one thousand dollars, to be paid to William White, on certain lands.

Voted that the Council purchase the horses, waggon & harness of George W. Harris and that the horses are purchased for the purpose of the ferry boat and that the waggon and harness be for the use of President Joseph Smith jr and that George W. Harris be assisted to pay a debt of twenty-five dollars to Amos Davis, if he can not otherwise pay it himself and that thirty dollars be canceled which he owes to President Joseph Smith jr.

Recorded on book No. 1 Adjourned

Pages 49 and 50 Hosea Stout Clk Hosea Stout Clerk Pro tem.

March 15, 1840

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo Illinois met in Council at the house of O. Grangers March 15, 1840.

The charge agains[t] David W. Rogers was voted that it be laid over till the 29 March.

Voted that a committee of three be appointed to superintend the affairs of the ferry.

Voted that the above committee consist of the First Presidency of the Church.

Recorded on book No. 1 Adjourned

Pages 50 Hosea Stout Clk Hosea Stout Clerk Pro tem.

March the 16th 1840.

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo Illinois met in Council at the house of Joseph Smith jr.

Prayer by Hyrum Smith.

Resolution 1st. That a letter be directed to Elias Higbee, Washington, approving of the measures which he is now taking.

Resolution 2nd. That Alonson Ripley, Seymour Brunson, Charles C. Rich, Francis M. Higbee, Stephen Markham, Henry G. Sherwood, Lyman Wight, Thomas Grover, King Follett,

*****Merrick, Edward Partridge, Lyman Leonard, Samuel Bent, Parley P. Pratt, Chapman Duncan, Porter Rockwell, Thorrett Parsons, Smith Umphry, John M. Burke, Harvey Redfield, Erastus Snow, George A. Smith, Ellis Emes, Olive Emes, William Seely, Rebecca Judd, William Chaplin, Dr. Isacc Galland, Heber C. Kimball, Ira S. Miles, Alma Smith, Elias Smith, Oliver

Olney, Zebediah Robinson, Sidney Rigdon, Hyrum Smith

Resolution 3rd. That the above names be accepted by the High Council and sent to Elias Higbee at Washington, that he may order subpoenas for said persons.

Resolution 4. That Robert B. Thompson write the above named letter to Elias Higbee at Washington.

Recorded on Book No. 1 Adjourned

Page 51-52 Alonson Ripley Clerk Pro. tem.

H. Stout Clk

March 22nd 1840

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo Illinois met in Council at the house of Oliver Granger.

Voted that Henry G. Sherwood continue as manager of the house, formerly owned by James Mulholand deceased, and that he procure the same for the use of his widow as soon as practible.

Voted that the money held by Samuel Bent, amounting to forty-eight dollars, be reserved and paid over to Murry Seman when directed by the High Council.

Voted that Alpheus Cutler and Jabez Durfee, the committee for the

building of the school house, be settled with as to the funds put into their hands for the building of the said School house, as soon as, it can be attended to. Recorded on book N 1. Adjourned

Page 52 Hosea Stout Clerk Pro tem.

H. Stout Clk

March 29th 1840.

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo Illinois, met in council at the house of Oliver Granger.

Voted that Charles C. Rich answer a letter from Daniel Bliss, requesting the advise of the Council relative to his moving to Ohio, and that he be refered to the council given in the Second number of the "Times and Seasons" on that subject and that if he move he does it without further influence of the High Council.

The charge against David W. Rogers was brought up and no one appearing against him to sustain it he was discharged from further labor.

Voted that the council accept of the paying of twenty dollars, to Murry Semans by Samuel Bent and that they recieve his receipt for the same.

Voted that the money held by Samuel Bent, amounting to twenty-eight dollars, be paid over to Murry Seman on demand and that he take his reciept for the same. And also that Alpheus Cutler pay ten dollars and Henry G. Sherwood pay five dollars which is coming from them to Murry Seman, as soon as they can obtain it and also take his receipt for the same.

Voted that the present clerk (Hosea Stout) keep a record of all the minutes of the council in a book while he acts as clerk. And that Henry G. Sherwood compile all the minutes of the Council prior to the 8th of March 1840 from which date the present clerk (Hosea Stout) commenced a record of the Council.

Recorded on book No 1 on Adjourned

Pages 52,53,54, Hosea Stout Clerk Pro tem.

April 6th 1840

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints of Nauvoo Illinois met in council at the stand of the General Conference, April 6th 1840. John Carroll made application to the Council for them to discharge a debt due him from the Church, amounting to fifty-two dollars and twenty-five cents. He also stated that he wished to have it off-set against a debt due Jacob Gates, from him, of about the same amount. Where upon it was voted that Samuel Bent should see Jacob Gates and make arrangements with him to that effect provided he would accede to it.

Recorded on book No 1, Adjourned

Page 54 Hosea Stout Clerk Pro. tem.

by H. Stout Clerk

April 12th 1840

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo Illinois met in council at the house of Joseph Smith jr.

A charge was preferred against Alonson Ripley by Alva Keller for taking rails from him lot. After the matter had been explained by Joseph Smith jr. the charge was withdrawn.

Voted that Hyrum Smith go with Oliver Granger to transact business in the East.

Voted that Joseph Smith jr. make the necessary credentials for Oliver Granger and Hyrum Smith, in their business transactions in the East.

Recorded on book No 1 Adjourned

Page 54 & 55 Hosea Stout. Clerk Pro. tem.

H. Stout Clk

April 19th 1840.

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo Illinois met in Council at the house of William Laws.

Voted that the house which ~~the house which~~ Hyrum Smith now lives in be reserved for his own use and benefit.

Voted that Jabez Durfee make a bill of items of all the expenses which he has been to on the School house.

A charge was preferred against John A Hicks by John P. Green for slanderously accusing him of lying without any cause or provocation.

Voted that the trial of John A Hicks be put off until the 2nd day of May next.

Voted that John P. Green make a report of his committity-ship, while in Quincy Illinois, as touching debts involving on him and other matters, at the next council.

Voted that a horse be procured for Br. Parrish by Bishop Vincent Knight.

Voted that the Council meet at 2 O'Clock on every Saturday at the office of Joseph Smith jr.

Recorded on Book No 1 Adjourned

Pages 55 & 56 Hosea Stout Clerk Pro tem.

H. Stout Clk

April 25, 1840.

The high Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo Illinois met at the house of William Law.

John P. Green made a report of his committy-ship while in Quincy Illinois, as touching debts involving on him and other matters as, follows;

"Quincy May 1839. To save the committee of the Church at Quincy from being sued I in person became responsible to Dr. H. Rogers for the sum of forty-seven dollars and seventy-five cents for ferrying the poor across the Mississippi river. Also to Dr. R.N. Ralstone for the sum of fifteen dollars and eighty-seven cents for house rent for women whose lawful protectors were shut up in jail or driven from their aid. The former is now paid by my-self, the latter remains to be paid and rests on my shoulders. I do pray the councilors to consider the above report and repay the above amount to me if they can in righteousness"

He further added That there was also seventeen dollars and fifty cents involving on him, due to Edward Partridge from the said committee at Quincy & Far West

Voted that the Council set the above report aside for the present.

Voted Thomas Grover be appointed to make inquiry as to the property of the commities of Quincy and Far West and see to having it applied to the liquidating the said debts involving on John P. Green and Edward Partridge.

Recorded on Book No 1 Adjourned

Pages 56-57 & 58 Hosea Stout Clerk Pro. tem. Hosea Stout

May 2nd 1840

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo Illinois met in council at the house of William Laws

Voted that the rails formerly belonging to the City plot shall be applied as Bishop Alonson

Ripley and President Joseph Smith jr shall see proper and also that those who have unlawfully taken any of the above mentioned rails shall restore the same or render a recompence for the same to the satisfaction of Bishop Alonson Ripley and President Joseph Smith jr.

In as much as Henry G. Sherwood Charles C. Rich and Dimic B. Huntington have been appointed a committee, by a public meeting of the Church, to contract for the building of houses for some of the wives of the Twelve it was voted that the same committee shall also contract for the fencing and ploughing of the lots on which the houses are to be built and that the labor be paid in town lots according to the ~~proposals~~ instructions of the said committee for the building of the houses in the first place.

The charge against John A. Hicks by John P. Green presented April 19th 1840

was brought up and Lewis D. Wilson Alpheus Cutler, David ~~Dort~~ Fullmer, George W. Harris, Seymour Brunson and Thomas Grover were appointed to speak on the case. Objections were made by John A Hicks objected to Thomas Grover as a speaker on the case. But the council decided that he should act.

After the evidences were given the council voted That John Hicks make a satisfactory confession to John P. Green for wrongfully assailing his character. And also that he publish a piece in the Times and Seasons stating that in consequence of a different arrangement made by the parties donating the horse (about which he accused him of lying,) unknown to J P. Green, he wrongfully accused him of lying and that he further state that he is sorry for what he has done.

After which decision of the council John Hicks made the necessary satisfaction to John P. Green and agreed to publish a piece in the Times and Seasons according to the decision of the council.

Recorded on Book No. 1. Adjourned

Pages 58-59 & 60 Hosea Stout Clerk Pro tem.

H. Stout

June 12th 1840.

The High Council of the Church of Jessus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo Illinois met in council at the Office of Joseph Smith jr

It was resolved that the Council procure goods from William Laws Store not exceeding fifty dollars, for the relief of Alpheus Cutler, that he may be enabled to carry on the building of the School house.

Recd on Book No 1 Adjourned

June 20th 1840

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo Illinois met in council at Office of Joseph Smith jr.

A memorial was presented from President Joseph Smith jr. praying that the Council would relieve him from the temporalities of the Church, which he necessarily had to engage in, in order that a location might be effected for the geathering of the Saints.

That he felt it his duty to engage, more particularly, in the spiritual welfare of the Saints, and also, to the translating of the Egyptian Records, the Bible, and wait upon the Lord for such revelations as may be suited to the condition and circumstances of the Church.

That, in order, to relieve him from the anxiety and troubles necessarily attendant on business transactions they would appoint some one to take charge of the City Plot and attend to the buisness transactions which have heretofore rested upon him.

That when he is relieved from such temporal duties he would have no means of support whatever and and requested that some one might be appointed to see that all his necessary wants are provided for, as well as, sufficient means or appropriations for a Clerk or Clerks which he may require to aid him in his important work

The Council relieved President Joseph Smith jr according to the request of the memorial and appointed Henry G. Sherwood to take charge of the City Plot and act as Clerk in that buisness and also to attend to the disposing of the remaining lots and the buisness transactions which have heretofore rested upon him.

Alonson Ripley was appointed steward to see that all the necessary wants of the First Presidency be suplied, as well as, to provide sufficient means or appropriations for a clerk or clerks to aid President Joseph Smith jr in his important work.

Henry G. Sherwood, for and in behalf of the Church prefered a charge against Ebenezer A. Black for a course of fradulent proceedings and conduct by him practized, on said Church relative to a town lot and lots in Nauvoo commencing in falshood continuing in error and eventuating in unchristian-like conduct, done and conducted within the last twelve months.

Whereupon Nos 9, 10, 11, and 12 were appointed to speak on the case. The charge was sustained after which it was decided that Ebenezer A. Black should stand expelled from the society of the Church untill he make a satisfactory confession and restored all the damages which he has caused

to be done by his unchristian-like conduct &c.

Resolved, that Henry G. Sherwood, Alonson Ripley and Vincent Knight be appointed to visit George W. Robinson for the purpose of inquiry and examination into the affairs of the Galland purchase and also of the Church Records and make a report of the same to the High Council.

Adjourned

Hosea Stout Clerk pro. tem.

June 27th 1840

The High Council for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo Illinois met in Council at the Office of J. Smith jr

Resolved, That the minutes of the last Council be always read at the begining of the next, by the Clerk, that the chain of business may be more easily come at & error in the recorded detected.

President Josep[h] Smith jr sent in his veto, by Alonson Riply, to the proceedings of the Council relative to the memorial presented at the last Council (of June 20).

The Council laid it over for a re-hearing on friday next (July 3rd) at 1 O'Clock, when the council would meet again.

Adjourned

Hosea Stout Clerk pro tem

July 3rd 184[0]

The high Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo Illinois met in Council at the Office of Joseph Smith jr.

The subject of the memorial of President Joseph jr was again brough[t] up, for a rehearing, according to the decision of the last council (June 27) when the following resolutions were entered into.

1st Resolved, that we feel perfectly satisfied with the course taken by Joseph Smith Jr and feel a disposition as far as it is in our power to assist him, so as to relieve him from the temporalities of the church in order that he may devote his time more particularly to the spiritualities of the same, believing by so doing we shall promote the good of the whole church. But as he (Joseph Smith jr.) is held responsible for the payment of the City plot and knowing no way to relieve him from

that responsibility at present, we would request of him to act as treasurer for the city plot and to whom those persons whom we may appoint to make sales of lots and attend to the buisness affairs of the church may at all times be responsible and make true and correct returns of all their proceedings as well as to account for all monies, properties &c. which may come unto their hands.

Therefore Resolved, That Elder Henry G Sherwood act as clerk for the same. That Bishop Alonson Ripley be appointed to provide for the wants of the Presidency and make such appropriations to them and to the clerk or clerks which they may require.

Resolved that the funds of the City plot shall not be taken to provide for the presidency or clerks, but that the Bishops be instructed to raise funds from other sourses to meet the calls made on him. And that all monies received for lots shall be deposited in the hands of the treasurer to liquidate the debts of the City plot.

Resolved, that the Clerk shall have a stipulated sum for his servises for transacting the buisness of the city plot and that he recieve the sum of twenty-six dollars pr month for his said servises.

Resolved, That the remaining items of buisness relative to the memorial before the council shall be laid over to be taken up again at the next Council

Adjourned

Hosea Stout Clerk Pro. tem.

July 11th 1840

The High Council for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo Illinois met in council at the Office of Joseph Smith jr.

President Joseph Smith jr gave as a precedent and rule for the Council and ordered it to be recorded and established, That the Council should try no case without both parties being present or having had an opportunity to be present, neither should they hear one parties complaint before his case is brought up for trial, neither should they suffer the character of any one to be exposed before the Council without the person being present and ready to defend him or herself that the minds of the councellors be not prejudiced for or against any one whose case they may, possibly, have to act upon

Adjourned

Hosea Stout Clerk pro. tem.

July 17th 1840

The High Council for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo Illinois met in council at the Office of Joseph Smith jr

By the nomination of Joseph Smith jr. it was

Resolved that Samuel Bent and George W. Harris be appointed to go on a mission to procure money to be applied to the purpose of printing certain books.

Adjourned

Hosea Stout Clerk Pro tem.

July 25th 1840

The High Council of the Chuuch of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo Illinois met in Council at the Office of Joseph Smith jr.

Resolved, That Henry G. Sher[w]ood be appointed to procure a horse, saddle, bridle and other necessities for the use of John Tanner as soon as he can consistently

Letters of Recommendation for Samuel Bent and George W. Harris, for their mission to procure money for printing purposes were presented to the Council by R. B. Thompson, which were approved of and signed by the members of the Council.

Samuel Bent nominated Elias Higbee and George W. Harris nominated John P. Green to fill their seats in the Council during their absence while on their mission to procure money for the aforementioned purposes which was accepted by the Council.

Adjourned

Hosea Stout Clerk Pro. tem.

August the 8th 1840

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo Illinois met in Council at the Office of Joseph Smith jr

The Council appointed Alpheus Cutler President of the High Council during the absence of Samuel Bent.

Elder H. G. Sherwood in behalf of the Church preferred a charge against Elder Moses Martin for reporting certain slanderous reports against Elder S. Brunson and A Lyman and others stating that a gang of Gadianton robbers were in the Church and countenanced together with certain slanderous and unchristian- like expressions insinuations &c. derogatory to the character of certain brethren &c. &c. whereupon Nos 1, 2,3 and 4 were appointed to speak on the case. The charge was sustained after which it was decided that he should stand expelled from the Church untill he should make a satisfactory confession. After which decision he made a satisfactory confession and was recieved again into fellowship.

Adjourned.

Hosea Stout Clerk Pro tem.

August 17th 1840

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints of Nauvoo Illinois met in council at the office of Joseph Smith jr Together with the First Presidency of the Church and the High Council of Iowa Teritory.

The following charges were preferred against Elijah Fordham by John Patten for unchristian conduct, to wit; Firstly, For libelous, slanderous and infamous reports in the High Council of the Church of Latter Day Saints at Montrose, against John Patten's character; charging said Patten of being guilty of lieing, Theft, burglary and attempt to murder: and done in the spirit of malevolence and high toned wickedness.

Secondly, For having told a positive lie.

Thirdly For affirming to things which he did not know in a Court of Justice thereby perjuring himself himself in making the following statements, to wit;

1stly. That said Patten's garden was on Mr Coleman's Claim.

2ndly. That he never saw the garden.

3rdly That the damage done by destroying said garden did not amount to five dollars

4thly That rails delivered were worth from one dollar to one dollar and a quarter and one dollar

and a half, and

5thly. That every person in Montrose knew that Coleman had not relinquished his claim to the land on which said Patten's garden was situated.

Fourthly, For being privy to Rogers taking my rails and destroying my garden.

Fifthly, For justifying Rogers for so doing and approving of the act or Rodgers conduct.

Sixthly, For embezzeling Rogers property to prevent the payment of Roger's debts.

Seventhly For having made false statements about Rogers pill nostrums, saying that they had had the effect in his family last fall and winter set forth by said Rogers, to wit; that he the said Rogers had used them twenty years and they had never failed of effecting a complete and radical cure; when it is a well know fact that Fordham and his family were sick nigh unto death during the fall and winter: thus endeavoring to vindicate the conduct of Rogers in palming his deception on community.

Eightly For acting an unrighteous and unholy part in the High Council, and because I opposed his course he sought for evil aganst me, to slander and defame my character destroy my influence and drive me from my seat in the council: that the council might enter immediately into the ~~consecration~~ consecration law, which he publicly declared was the determination of the High Council, and I alone opposed their proceedings and had spoken against the proceedings of the High Council in public stating that the council of the First Presidency was contrary to the proceedings of the High Council and that President Hyrum Smith was vested with the authority of the First Presidency in the absence of the other two Presidents, which was contended was not so: and I was charged with weakening or deminishing the influence of the High Council by speaking in public against the proceedings of that quorum, which was the first charge made against me to drive me from the council, and was followed by others, such as playing the violin for a negro ball; suffering my daughter to go to balls; and then followed the slanderous and vile charges ~~charges~~ first mentioned in this catalogue of crimes and misdemeanors: and when President John Smith told him it was his duty to take up a labor with me, he replied, I was not worthy of his notice, of which I wish to convince him to the contrary. After the evidence was heard Presidents John Smith, William, Hyrum Smith & Joseph Smith Jr spoke on the case after which the parties were reconciled without calling a vote of the council.

Adjourned

Hosea Stout Clerk pro. tem.

August 22nd 1840

The high Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo Illinois met in Council at the office of Joseph Smith junior.

A charge was preferred against Brs Ourbough & Waggoner for grossly slandering the Presidency of this Church and evil speaking against this Church having laboured with them and yet they repent not neither turn from the evil. By John Zundel

The charge was confessed on the part of the accused and they, persisting in their own course, were expelled from the Church.

By a motion of a committee, of the singers of Nauvoo, who were sent to the council for that purpose The Council decided that Benjamin S. Wilber should act as chorister or leader of the singers of Nauvoo until further directions from the High Council.

Resolved, That William Marks and Peter Hawes be appointed to procure provisions and other means necessary for the building of the School House.

Adjourned

Hosea Stout Clerk pro. tem.

August the 29th 1840

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo Ill met in council at the office of Joseph Smith jr.

A charge was preferred against Elder Hiram Dayton by Noah Packard for forfeiting his word and for other unchristianlike conduct.

Numbers five and six were appointed to speak on the case. The charge was sustained after which the Council decided that the parties should abide by the last contract, about which their difficulty arose, and that Noah Packard pay Hiram Dayton fourteen dollars and fifty cents as soon as he can consistently. ~~The parties acceded to the decision of the Council and were reconciled to each other.~~

The debt however not to be binding upon him but left to his own conscience whether he ought to pay it or not.

The parties acceded to the decision of the Council and were reconciled to each other.

Adjourned

September the 5th 1840

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints of Nauvoo Illinois met in Council at the office of Joseph Smith jr

Resolved, That Austin Cowles be appointed a member of the High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Nauvoo Illinois, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Seymour Brunson.

A charge was preferred against Almon Babitt by Joseph Smith jr p[r]edicated upon the authority of two letters, one of the letters from Thomas Burdick, the other from Levi Richards and Oliver Granger, accusing him (Almon Babitt) with the following charges, to wit;

1st For stating that Joseph Smith jr had extravagantly purchased three suits of cloths while he was at Washington and that Sidney Rigdon had purchased four suits at the same place, besides dresses and cloths for their families in profusion.

2nd For having stated that Joseph Smith jr, Sidney Rigdon and Elias Higbee had stated that they were worth \$100,000 each while they were at Washington and that Joseph Smith jr had repeated the same statement while at Philadelphia and for stating that Oliver Granger had stated that he also was worth as much as they that is \$100,000.

3rd For holding secret Council in the Lord's house in Kirtland, and for locking the doors of the house for the purpose of prohibiting certain brethren, in good standing in the church, from being in the council and thereby depriving them the use of the house.

Numbers seven and eight were appointed to speak on the case. Council adjourned till the 6th of Sept at 2 O'Clock.

6th of Sept. 1840

Council met according to adjournment when the evidences were all heard on the case pending after which the charge was withdrawn by Joseph Smith jr.

Adjourned

Hosea Stout Clk pro. tem

October the 10th 1840

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo Illinois met in council at the Office of Joseph Smith jr

A charge was preferred against Oliver Walker by David Fulmer for reporting certain slanderous stories of a falacious and columniating nature calculated to stigmatize and raise a persecution against the Church and individuals in it, in this place, and for a variety of unchristian-like conducts & c.

Numbers seven and eight were appointed to speak on the case. Oliver Walker plead that he was not prepared to meet the charge, it being too indefinite and he not having notice previous to his leaving home. The council then adjourned until the next day at 4 O'Clock, when the case was to be again taken up.

October 11th The Council met pursuant to adjournment when the charge against Oliver Walker was taken up The plaintiff ~~prosed~~ proposed withdrawing the original charge and preferring another more definite, which was acceded to on the part of the defendant and sanctioned by the Council. After which the charge was withdrawn and the following charge was preferred.

"To the High Council in and for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at Nauvoo Illinois:

For and in behalf of the said Church I hereby prefer a charge against Elder Oliver Walker for several different offences herin after set forth, as said to be by him done, performed, said and committed, as also various duties omitted &c. all of which were done at different times, periods, places and seasons subsequent to Sept 1 1838. To wit: For a general course of procedure, of acts doings and words and suggestions by him the said Elder Oliver Walker, done performed, said, spoken, hinted at and suggested: both directly and indirectly and as being calculated to be derogatory to the character of the heads and leaders of the church and extremely injurious and hurtful to the upbilding, welfare, being and advancement of the same, Viz; For fleeing from, quitting and deserting the society, ranks and needs of his brethren in times of difficulty, with and danger from their enimies, "mob" restraining from the use of his brethren his influence efforts and needful assistance, at such times of need, as also for joining with and strengthning the hands, will, evil persuits and designs of the mob and Gentile enemies of the Church, by expressions hints and suggestions of a wavering and dubious nature respecting the faith and order of the church and of the professed calling qualifications proceedings &c. of Joseph Smith jr. as a seer prophet and one called to bring to light the fulness of the gospel &c. in the last days. Likewise for advancing ideas, notions or opinions that the different orders or sects, viz; Methodists and others could by a persuit in their faith order and persuits as readily obtain every celestial attainment and gospel advantage as they could by embracing and persuing the system brought forth by Joseph

Smith jr in these last days, and moreover for suggesting within the last six months at Alton, Nauvoo, intermediate and adjacent places that in the church at Nauvoo there did exist a set of pilferers, who were actually thieving, robing, plundering, taking and unlawfully carrying away from Missouri certain goods and chattles, wares and property and that the act and acts of such supposed thieving &c. was fostered and conducted by the knowledge and approbation of the heads & leaders of the Church, viz; by Presidency and High Council; all of which items set forth as aforesaid together with any and all corroborating acts, doings, hints, expressions and suggestions in any way belonging to or connected with any or all of the aforesaid accusations he the said Oliver Walker is hereby notified to prepare to defend in said trial.["]

Dated Oct 11th 1840

Nauvoo David Fulmer

After this second charge was preferred, he the said Elder Oliver Walker plead that he was not prepared to defend himself, When the trial was adjourned, according to his own choice until the next April conference.

Adjourned

Hosea Stout Clerk pro. tem.

October 17th 1840.

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints of Nauvoo Illinois met in Council at the office of J. Smith jr

A charge was preferred against William Gregory by H. G. Sherwood in consequence of the circulation of various reports purporting to have originated by and come from and circulated by him the said William Gregory: to wit; that he had spread abroad certain slanderous reports and insinuations that go to carry an idea that much pilfering, pillaging, plundering, stealing &c. is practised by members of said Church and that such practise is known to and tolerated by the heads and leaders of the church (or certain of them) and that the appointment of a committee to detect such nominal or all real thefts &c. was an appointment calculated in its nature to smother and cover up and blind the minds of the more honest of the said Church. Moreover for pretending that such accursed pilfering party or part of thereof had stolen his own when in fact his oxen were where he left them and not stolen, and for suspicion that he himself ~~ether~~ either alone or in company are in the like pilfering practise as is said that he accused others of and that he spreads such slanders to blind the honest and smother his own thefts &c. for and in behalf of said church

dated Nauvoo 14th Oct 1840.

The trial of the above charge was adjourned until next Saturday. Neither of the parties being ready for trial.

Resolved, That the trustees of the School house be instructed to settle with the building committee of the same on Wednesday next the 21st inst.

Adjourned

Hosea Stout Clerk pro tem.

October the 24th 1840.

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo Illinois met in council at the office of Joseph Smith jr.

Resolved, That Elias Higbee be appointed president pro. tem. of the High Council, to fill the place of President Alpheus Cutler, resigned.

The charge against William Gregory, preferred, Oct 17th was brought up for trial according to adjournment

Numbers seven (Thomas Grover) and eight (Austin Cowles) were appointed to speak on the case

The defendant plead not guilty. The evidences ~~were~~ were then heard. The charge was sustained and after the pleadings were over, he, the defendant, made a humble confession to the satisfaction of the Council ~~the plaintiff~~ also to the satisfaction of the plaintiff.

Adjourned

Hosea Stout Clerk pro tem.

October the 31st 1840.

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, of Nauvoo Illinois, met in council at the office of J. Smith jr

A charge was preferred against John Huntsman by Henry G. Sherwood, for and in behalf of the Church, For knowingly, willfully, wrongfully and unlawfully by craft and fallacious tales and acts interrupting breaking up and destroying certain bargains and bargaining which I was about to complete for the use and benefit of the said Church and the better locating certain brethren to

build up the Town of Nauvoo, viz. brothers Allred and Parker and others

Dated October 16th 1840.

The plaintiff plead not guilty.

Numbers 9 (Newel Knight) and 10 (William Huntington) were appointed to speak on the case.

When the evidences were given, The charge was sustained. After which it was decided that ~~that~~ Alpheus Cutler and Elias Higbee be appointed to receive propositions of satisfaction, from the defendant relative to the injury which the church has recieved by his interference in the aforenamed bargains &c. mentioned in the foregoing charge.

Adjourned

Hosea Stout Clerk pro tem.

November 7th 1840.

Council met pursuant to adjournment at the Office of Joseph Smith jr

Resolved That Charles C. Rich have the avails of a certain waggon, sufficient, to enable him to pay a note of hand, given by himself and others, for, and in behalf of the Church, due six month after date, payable to Philip C. Quick, given July 9th 1836 amounting to about forty dollars.

Adjourned

Hosea Stout Clerk pro tem.

November 28th 1840

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo Illinois met in Council at the office of Joseph Smith jr.

Resolved, That Hosea Stout be appointed Clerk of the High Council of Nauvoo Illinois.

William Huntington prefered a charge against Robert D. Foster as follows; "Firstly, for slandering the authorities of the Church. Secondly, for lying, profane swaring and individual abuse and for other unchristian-like conduct" Dated Nauvoo, Nov. 20th 1840.

The defendant plead not guilty. Number 11 (Charles C. Rich) and 12 (Henry G. Sherwood) were

appointed to speak on the case. After The evidences were partly given the trial was adjourned untill the 12th day of December next.

Adjourned

Hosea Stout. Clerk.

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo Illinois met in council at the Office of Joseph Smith December the 12th 1840. The charge against Robert D. Foster, presented, November the 28th 1840, was again brought up for trial, according to previous adjournment.

The council proceeded to the examination of the ~~witness~~ witnesses until 12 O'Clock when the council adjourned one hour. After which the Council met and ~~and~~ again proceeded to the examination of the witnesses until dark and then adjourned until the next day (December the 13th at 11 O'clock.

December 13th 1840. The High Council met according to adjournment and again proceeded to the examination of the witnesses at one O'clock the Council ~~the council~~ adjourned one hour. After which the Council met according to adjournment and again proceeded to the further examination of the witnesses until about dark when all of the witnesses being examined the Council was adjourned untill December the 20th 1840.

December the 20th 1840 The Council met again according to previous adjournment at the house of Joseph Smith jr. to decide the charge against R.D. Foster The case was submitted to the Presidency by mutual consent of the parties without making pleas on either side. The Presidency decided that he (R.D. Foster) should be acquitted of the charges brought him which was voted unanimously by the Council.

Adjourned

Hosea Stout Clk.

February the 6th 1841

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo Illinois met in Council at the office of Joseph Smith February

the 6th 1841.

The Council appointed Aaron Johnson, in conformity to a revelation previously given to that effect, to the office of High Councillor, in the place of Austin Cowles, to fill the place of Seymour Brunson deceased.

A charge was preferred against [t], John P. Green, by Jacob Wirick, for abuse for lent money, which he lent him and not redeeming it according to promise; and for unchristian-like conduct towards him.

The defendant plead not guilty. Numbers. 1 (Elias Hibgee) 2, (David Dort) 3, [(J)Lewis D. Wilson) 4, (Noah Packard pro. tem. for Alpheus Cutler) 5, (David Fulmer) and 6, (Samuel H. Smith pro tem. for John P. Green) were appointed to speak on the case.

The President decided that the defendant should give his note to the plaintiff for the money due him with this understanding, between the parties. That he, the plaintiff should not oppress or cause him, the defendant, to be oppressed, until he, the defendant, is able, in the Providence of God, to pay the plaintiff the sum due him.

That if he, the plaintiff does oppress or cause ~~to be oppressed~~ him, the defendant, to be oppressed contrary to the above decision, he, the plaintiff, shall be guilty of unchristian-like conduct, and subject to be tried, for the same, before the High Council. Which decision was sanctioned by the Council.

The Council adjourned one hour.

January 26th 1841

The Council met again according to adjournment, when the following charges were preferred by Wm Niswanger and B. L. Clapp Viz: January 26th 1841

We prefer a charge against Elder Theodore Turley.

1. For unchristian conduct while on the sea for romping and kissing the females and dancing.
2. For sleeping with two females coming up the Lakes and on the road to Dixons ferry.
3. For not settling with the brethren for what money he received of them, and taking the lumber from the boat without leave.
4. For threatening the brethren that Brother Joseph would not hear any thing that they would not tell him about him for he was of the same spirit and signified the same Priesthood signifying if they told him he would not hear them

The defendant plead not guilty. Numbers 7 (Thomas Grover) 8, (Aaron Johnson) 9, (Newel Knight) 10, (William Huntington) 11, (Charles C. Rich) 12, (Henry G. Sherwood) were appointed to speak on the case.

The charges were sustained. After which the President decided that he, the defendant, in order to retain his fellowship, should acknowledge, both before the Council, and also, to a publick congregation, that he had acted unwisely, unjustly, imprudently, and unbecoming, and that he had set a bad example before his brethren and sisters as he was coming over from Europe.

The Council sanctioned the President's decision Elder Theodore Turley then made a confession to the satisfaction of the Council, and stated that he would rejoice in the opportunity of making the like confession before the publick.

Adjourned

Hosea Stout Clerk

March the 30th 1841.

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo Illinois met in Council at the office of Joseph Smith.

President William Marks informed the Council that he had made choice of Edler Austin Cowles and Charles C. Rich for his Councillors after which he proceeded to ordain them.

A charge was then prefered against Alonson Brown by B.S. Wilber as follows, "I hereby prefer a charge against Alonson Brown on the former rumor of his having robbed or stolen, unlawfully, from ~~from~~ the same Church or others in the region hereabouts.

Nauvoo Ills March 24th 1841.

B.S. Wilber

President Marks informed the Council that he should not preside as he was a witness in the case. He then appointed his Councillors to preside without him. The defendant pled not guilty

Nos. 1 (Elias Higbee) 2, (Harvey Omstead pro.tem) 3, (Lewis D. Wilson) and 4, (Alpheus Cutler) were appointed to speak on the case. the evidences were then given. The charge was, partially, sustained and after the parties had spoken the Presidents decided that, as he had confessed (which he did to Pr. Marks & others previously) and repented, he should be forgiven and held in fellowship. The Council sanctioned them in their decision Adjourned.

April the 6th 1841 The General Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints met, according to previous adjournment, near the place where the Temple of God is to be built. At which on the 7th inst The Conference appointed Elder James Allred a member of the High Council of Nauvoo to fill the vacancy existing by the death of David Dort and also appointed Leonard Soby a memember os said Council to fill the vacancy of Charles C. Rich who had been, previously, chosen one of President Mark's Councillors. After which appointments of the Conference, at intermission ~~for~~ at 12 o'clock, The High Councils of Nauvoo and Iowa met near the Conference ground in Council, according to the instructions of the conference, ~~to~~ to transact buisness then ~~te~~ necessary to be done. The Councils first preceeded to ordain Elder James Allred & Leonard Soby to the office of High Councillors of Nauvoo, according to the appointment of the General Conference.

The Council next proceeded to approve or disapprove of certain men who had been objected, as unfit for the offices hereafter named, by the Quorums of the General Conference.

Elder John A. Hicks, President of the Elders quorum of Nauvoo, was first taken up for consideration.

Objections were made to him relative to a trial which had been between him and Elder John P. Greene, which trial was had before the High Council of Nauvoo May the 2nd 1840. Some were dissatisfied with him thinking that he had not abided the decision of that Council. But however after the matter had ~~been~~ been explained and the subject discussed at some length he was approved by a majority.

Bishop Alonson Riply was next taken into consideration.

Objections were made to him for his drinking and immoral habits which necessarily follows and his abusing his brethren while under the influence of Liquor. His situation and character was discussed at considerable length. After which he was approved by a majority.

John E. Page, one of the Twelve, was next taken into consideration. Objections were made to him for having written certain abusive letters, criminating certain individuals, wrongfully

After his case had been spoken on, at considerable length, he was unanimously, approved.

Noah Packard, Senior, one of the Councillors for the President of the High Pri[e]st's quorum, was next taken into consideration. Objections were made to him for his rash and ignorant expressions, which was, however, soon reconciled.

He was approved.

James Foster, one of the Presidents of the quorums of the seventies, was next taken into consideration. Objections were made to him, for his lack of faith and stability in the gospel; and dishonesty in his temporal deal with his brethren. He was unanimously disapproved.

Newel K. Whitney Bishop was next taken into consideration. He was unanimously approved.

Adjourned.

Hosea Stout, Clerk.

May the 17th 1841.

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo Illinois met in Council at the office of Joseph Smith.

Samuel Bent, having returned home from his mission to the East, took his seat in the High Council

He then stated that he wished to ascertain the present condition of the Council relative to the building of the Stone School House; and come to an understanding of what had been done while he had been absent, and also, make some arrangements to relieve the council from the responsibility of all debts and obligations in which the Council was now involved.

The Council next proceeded to ascertain what amount was due to different ones, or who had claims on the Council for means furnished, or work done &c. on the School house; but as all the claims could not be made out at present, it was laid over to be taken up again at the next Council.

On motion a committee was appointed, to make arrangements, or ascertain on what conditions a title could be had to the lot to secure a title to the land on which the Stone School House now stand, who were to make a report of the same at the next Council.

On motion Samuel Bent and Alpheus Cutler were appointed to be that Committee.

On motion Council adjourned untill next Friday the 21st inst at 5 o'clock P.M.

Hosea Stout Clerk

May 21st 1841.

The High Council met pursuant to adjournment, and there not being

members enough to form a quorum they adjourned until next friday 28th of May at 2 o'clock P.M.

Hosea Stout Clerk.

May 28th 1841.

The High Council met pursuant to adjournment at the office of Joseph Smith

The subject of the Stone School House was again taken up and, on motion of H. G. Sherwood the Report, of the Committee, to ascertain on what conditions a title could be had obtained, for the lot of land on which the Stone School House now stands, was called for which was carried unanimous.

Samuel Bent, of the committee reported that a title of the lot could be obtained for one thousand dollars; one hundred of which was to be paid down or in a short time and the remainder to be paid

Ebenezer A. Black appeared before the Council and, by permission, stated that as it had been a long time since he had been expelled, by this body, from the Church, that he wished to know if there were any means by which he could be restored and what those means were.

There were several remarks made by different ones of the Council on the subject of his trial, after which he was called upon to make his confession which he did to the satisfaction of the Council when he was expelled from the Church; When on motion it was Resolved, that he (E. A. Black) be recieved again into the Church by the waters of baptism.

Eld. Thomas Grover stated that as he was going on a mission to the South to preach the gospel that he wished a letter of recommendation from the Council which on motion was, unanimously granted. He then informed the Council that he had selected Ronalds Cahoon to fill his seat in the Council, as Councillor pro. tem, while he was on his mission, which was sanctioned unanimously by the Council. Adjourned sine die.

Hosea Stout Clerk.

July 4th 1841.

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of

Nauvoo Illinois met in Council at the office of Joseph Smith

A Charge dated May the 1st 1841 preferred by S. T Comfort against Shermon Gilbert for unchristian like conduct was taken up which charge had been appealed, from the Bishop's court of Mount Hope, by Shermon Gilbert.

President William Marks stated that the charge was too indefinite and required of the plaintiff (S.T. Comfort) that he should specify the items of his charge, which he did as follows; to wit: 1st For disfellowshipping Peter Wimmer without giving any reason why. 2nd For bringing up things against him (P. Wimmer) which he was unable to prove which were of more than two years standing. 3rd. For taking timber which Peter Wimmer had cut on patten land contrary to his (P. Wimmer) orders, and; 4th For telling falshnood.

The defendant plead not guilty. Two were then appointed to speak on a side who were (5) David Fulmer (6) Harvey Ormstead pro. tem. (7) Reynolds Cahoon (8) Aaron Johnson. An investigation was then went into. The first item of the charge was sustained after which it was decided by the Presidents and Council that the defendant (Sherman Gilbert) should acknowledge to the Church at Mount Hope that he had done wrong and acted unwisely in withdrawing the hand of fellowship from Peter Wimmer as he had without bringing a charge against him or bringing him to trial.

Adjourned sine die

Hosea Stout Clerk

Sept the 21st 1841. The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo Illinois met in Council, according to previous appointment by President William Marks, at the Committee house for the Temple. Prs W. Marks not being well did not attend

President Austin Cowles stated that as the High Council was unpleasantly situated in relation to its being intrahled with debts &c. which had devolved upon it in a time when it was under the necessity of transacting temporal buisness, for the Church, for the want of the proper authority being organized and prepared to transact the same and that the Council had met to devise some measures to relieve itself from all such intrhalments and all other buisness which did not belong to it &c. After which there were remarks made by others of the Council showing reasons why the Council should be relieved from the same and explaining the causes and circumstances which first brought it to act in temporal things &c. After which it was voted that the Council adjourn to meet tomorrow at 3 o'clock at the same place and that the papers of all debts and temporal buisness be brought and laid before the Council to be prepared to ~~transact~~ transfer the same to the First Presidency to be put into the hands of the proper authorities to which they belong. Adjourned till to morrow at 2 o'clock

Hosea Stout Clerk

September 22nd 1841 The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo Illinois met in Council according to previous adjournment of the 21st inst.

1st George W. Harris, having returned home from his mission took his seat in the Council.

2nd The subject of the debts ~~of the do~~ and enthrallments of the High Council was taken up. An examination of the accounts &c. of the stone School House, and other temporal buisness was ~~went~~ gone into, according to the decision of the last Council; but as the notes end accounts was not made out in a proper manner to show the situation of affairs it was decided that the Trustees and building Committee for the Stone School House make a report of all the debts and credits of the same to be acted upon at the meeting of the next high Council

3rd The following preamble and resolution was then presented by the Clerk, which was unanimously recieved.

Whereas this High Council, in times past, had of necessity and by the advice and instruction of the First Presidency, to transact buisness of a temporal nature, for the Church & thereby involve itself with debts and other temporal burthens which, under other circumstances, would not have devolved upon it and as the proper authorities, to which such temporalities belongs are now organized and acting in their proper places, therefore, be it,

Resolved that this High Council are prepared to transfer all debts and temporal buisness, and that all buisness of a temporal nature be and the same are in readiness to be transfered to the proper authorieties.

Alpheus Cutler stated that as he was going to the Pineries the ensuing winter that he had appointed Elias Higbee Councellor pro. tem. in his place during his absence.

5 Adjourned to meet on the 9th day of Oct. proximo.

Hosea Stout Clerk

Oct. 9th 1841. The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo Illinois met in Council near the office of Joseph Smith.

1st The Committee & Trustees for the Stone School House presented the buisness affairs of the same, showing the situation therof.

2nd Henry G. Sherwood stated that whereas he has been appointed by the General conference of the Church, to go on a mission to New Orleans to preach the gospel, that he desired a letter of

recommendation from the Council showing his good fellowship and standing in the Church.

3rd On motion of Thomas Grover it was voted that the Clerk write a letter of recommendation for Elder Sherwood according to his request.

4th Elder Sherwood then informed the Council that he had made choice of Elder Daniel Carns to act as Councillor pro. tem. during his absence on said mission. Adjourned sine die

Hosea Stout Clerk

January the 18th 1842. The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day [Saints] of Nauvoo Illinois met in council at the office of Elder Hyrum Smith.

1st President William Marks stated that the object of the meeting of the Council was to take into consideration the affairs of the Church, to set in order all things relative to their duty as Councillors, to call on the Bishops and see if they call the Lesser Priest-hood together, if they do their duty, if the Priests visit from house to house, if there was no malice, no hardness, no difficulty in the Church, that he wished to have them make a record of all who do their duty, who keep the word of wisdom &c He recommended that the Bishops adopt such measures as would be most practicable and useful for th to bring about such an order of things, that their reports be brought before the High Council that they may have a knowledge of their proceedings and the situation of the Church.

2 Elder G. W. Harris said he wished to have Br Hyrum Smith inform the Council whether, if the Bishops should refuse to appear before the Council, at their request, they had authority to deal with them for such refusal or not.

3rd. Hyrum Smith said they had power to do so, that they were subject to the High Council. He said he had been anxious a long time to see the officers of the Church take holt and stand in the office of their calling and do their duty, that the Council should call on the Presidents of the Lesser Priest-hood to attend the Council & recieve instruction, and that he would meet with them if they would notify him of their meetings.

That it was necessary for them to go from house to house, to his house, and to every house and see that every family done their duty, that he knew that there were more than one hundred families in town who did not attend to family prayer, because of weakness, dubiety, and darkness which prevented them, that every ordained mmeber was a wa[t]chman on the wall, if they did not set proper examples they must be put away and others put in their place, that a record should be kept, by the Lesser Priest-hood, and a list of names taken of all the members and given to the Church Clerk to be put on record, that letters of recommendation should be given to the Church Clerk, that he might keep a record of all who move in, of all who are excommunicated and all who die, that their names should be given him by the Sexton thus keeping a ready source of knowledge of the situation of the Church, that he always wanted such an order of things, had not

spared to teach, those who would not hearken should be severed off, all things was done by the faith of the people of God, that he wanted all men continually to do good, that a strict rule was the best you could take, never to turn from the way which you know to be right. He then spoke at length against the practice of Elders baptising persons into the Church, who had been cut off by regular authorities, without them making any satisfaction or showing fruits of repentance &c

4th on motion of Pr[s]t W. Marks, that the Presidents of each quorum meet with the High Council and First Presidency & receive general instruction, on Friday next at this place.

5 Bishop V Knight reported that the Lesser Priest-hood had been doing their duty, had a list of names for last year, thinks they are willing to do their duty &c.

6 Prst Marks spoke on the subject of helping the poor.

7 Bp V. Knight then give some account of the situation of the poor, that means were ~~exaus~~ exhausted for their relief &c.

8 Elder Hiram Smith, there was a general want of action in the Church, that he wanted every one to start anew, he knew not of a resolution in all the quorums to stop iniquity, that they were not luke-warm but cold, he spoke against the practice of the Seventies giving license to their Elders, that if they did the Elders & all the other quorums might also, that all license should come ~~from~~ by order of the General Conference signed by the Church Clerk, that the pay for the license would enable him to record names &c. which occupied his time for which he got nothing, that the Twelve would aid in any thing they were set about for the good of the Church, ~~that Br Joseph does not sanction the practice of granting license by the Seventies~~

9 Samuel H. Smith spoke showing reasons why the Church should have pay for his service.

10 Prest C.C. Rich spoke in favor of the same thing, he objected to the practice of the Seventies granting license said President Joseph Young informed him that President Joseph Smith gave him authority to grant license. he was in favor of the teaching which had been advanced.

11 Elder Hyrum Smith, thought it was a penurious disposition which caused such a grant of license to be applied for, he knows Br Joseph never give any authority, but by importunity.

12 Elder David Fulmer spoke on the same subject.

13 Bishop V. Knight spoke in favor of the general Conference only giving license.

14 Elder Daniel Carns, thinks if the subject of the license was laid before the Seventies they would submit to the will of the Council.

15. Others spoke on the subject, in favor of license coming from General Conference.

16. President Marks spoke against the Brethren suing each other, and wished to have a piece written and published in the "Times & Seasons," recommended a committee to be appointed to

draft said piece, to have it examined by the Council.

17 Others spoke in favor of the same thing.

18 On motion, Elias Higbee, David Fulmer, and Hosea Stout were appointed that committee.

19 Prest. Austin Cowles spoke against suing each other, showed the evil resulting from a want of confidence in each other.

Adjourned till Friday evening the 21st inst at 6 o'clock at this place

Hosea Stout Clerk

January the 21st 1842. The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo Illinois met in Council at the Office of Elder Hyrum Smith.

The Presidents of the different quorums were present.

1st Prest W. Marks stated the object of the meeting of the Council

2nd Elder Hyrum Smith spoke showing the proper order of things. Spoke, at length, on the word of wisdom, the necessity of obeying it, how it had been trifled with, the temporal danger in not obeying and the blessings in obeying it. 3rd Prest Joseph Young spoke stating the reasons why the quorums of Seventies had granted license, that he applied to Prest Joseph Smith for permission upon the solicitations of the quorums, that their reasons for so doing were because license could not be obtained from the Church Clerk, that he had no motive in it but to do right &c.

4th Prest Josiah Butterfield testified to the truth of what Prest Young had stated.

5th The Council was satisfied with the expressions of Prest Young

6 Saml H. Smith spoke about certain difficulties which existed among the rulers of the Stake at Mount Hope.

7th It was thought best to write to them citing them to appear before this Council to give an account of their conduct

8th E. Hiram Smith was appointed to write said letter.

9th Adjourned to meet next Friday at 6 o'clock at this place, also for the President of quorums to meet also that there might be an opportunity for all to speak their minds &c

Hosea Stout Clerk

January 28th 1842. The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints of Nauvoo met in council at the office of Elder Hyrum Smith.

1st The committee, appointed on the 18th inst. to draft a piece to be published in the "Times & Seasons," submitted the same to the consideration of the council, who accepted & signed the same. Adjourned till the 4th of Feb. next at this place at 6 o'clock

Hosea Stout Clerk

February the 4th 1842 The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo Illinois met at Elder Hyrum Smith's Office

1st A charge was preferred against Prest Isaac Morley of the Lima Branch by James Durfee, for unchristianlike conduct. First for refusing to pay his honest debts. Second for suffering one brother to slander another character in a public congregation. Third & lastly for saying that he had nothing against Brother James Durfee, then in a few moments raised up and called for a vote of the Branch for a disfellowship and sanctioned it &c. Two were appointed to speak on each side viz (9) Joshua Smith pro. tem. (10) William Huntington (11) Leonard Soby (12) Daniel Carns.

2nd The plaintiff pleaded for an adjournment of the trial for the want of evidence sufficient to sustain his charge.

After the subject had been discussed it was decided that he should not have an adjournment after which the parties went into trial. After some letters had been read which were written as testimony in favor of the Plaintiff it appeared that he had been disfellowshipped some time previous by the Lima Branch whereupon Prest Marks decided that the charge be quashed as he was not a member of the Church; but informed the plaintiff that he could appeal from the decision of the Lima Branch to the High Council.

3 The Plaintiff then appealed from the decision of the Lima Branch the minutes and charge of said trial was handed in by the Clerk of the Branch, as follows: "January the 23rd 1842.

1st Question by Father Morley directed to James Durfee asking him the reason why he had not attended meeting for the last five months.

Reason. Because he could not fellowship the authorities of the Lima Branch.

Question Second. For continually bringing up difficulties which had been settled, also the authorities called on him four or five weeks previous to his giving the above answer and reason by the Lesser Priesthood to come and give an account of himself, he also has manifested a contentious spirit ever since he has [end of sentence]

His case was called, no satisfaction given it was then motioned, seconded, & caried that he should be disfellowshipped and his name erased from the church roll by unanimous voice of the Branch

The parties then went to trial the speakers above named were to speak, the evidence was then heard, the charges were sustained after the parties had spoken President Marks, previous to giving his decision, exhorted them mutually to settle the difficulty & all former hardness and henceforth walk together in meekness & brotherly love. Both parties readily acquiesced with the admonitions of the President and were reconciled.

4th It was then voted that James Durfee be restored to his former standing & fellowship. Adjourned till tomorrow eving at 6 O'clock at this place.

Hosea Stout Clerk

February 5th 1842

The High Council met according to adjournment, last evening.

1st The case of Daniel Wood, (who had been silenced from preaching by Presidents Joseph Smith and Brygum Young from a complaint against him for teaching false doctrine with privilege to appear before this Council for a hearing) was taken into consideration. He produced evidence to testify that he did not teach false doctrine, but was a faithful minister and it appearing that he had been put down by those who had prejudices and hardness against him it was decided that he be restored to his former official standing in the Church. Adjourned

Hosea Stout Clerk

March the 11th 1842.

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo Illinois met in Council at the Office of Prest H. Smith. Council adjourned to the House of Prest. Joseph Smith

1st A charge was prefered against Elder F.G. Bishop by R. Cahoon First for setting himself up as a prophet and revelator to the Church Second for an improper course of conduct in meetings.

He plead not guilty, two were then appointed to speak on each side namely (1) Samuel Bent (2) James Allred (3) L.D. Wilson (4) and E. Higbee.

The charge was sustained after which it was decided that he be expelled from the Church by the unanimous vote of the Council. Adjourned to meet at Prest Hyrum Smith's office on Thursday the 17th inst. at 2 o'clock P.M.

March 17th 1842

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo Illinois met at the office of President Hyrum Smith.

1st A charge was preferred against Elder Oliver Olney by Elder J.C. Bennett for improper conduct, for setting himself up as a prophet & revelator in the Church

2nd Two were appointed to speak on each side namely (5) David Fulmer (6) G.W. Harris (7) Thomas Grover (8) & Aaron Johnson. Plead not guilty. The charges were sustained the Council unanimously decided by the Council that the hand of fellowship be withdrawn from him. His license was then demanded which he consented to give up.

3 A charge was preferred against John Jamison by Philip Ballard, Presiding Elder of Union Branch.

1st For teaching that the Church was driven from Missouri for stealing.

2nd For not complying with the decision of the Union branch.

3rd For saying that he was acquitted (i.e. acquitted by this council or Prest H. Smith from the decision of the Union Branch) and for other ~~improper~~ unchristian like conduct

4th The defendant was not present but it appearing from testimony that he had been legally notified and had neglected to appear the council proceeded to trial. One were appointed to speak on each side namely (9) N. Knight (10) William Huntington. The charges were sustained. Decided that the hand of fellowship be withdrawn from his.

5th A charge was preferred against Elder William Wirick by Presiding Elder Phillip Balland of the Union Branch for

1st No man could know that this work was true without God or an angel should appear to him & tell him.

2nd That no man could know any thing by the Holy Ghost together with other unchristian conduct doctrine & defendant acknowledged to some of the charges after which went into trial

2 appointed to speak on each side. Viz, L. Soby Daniel Carns Samuel Bent & James Allred. It appeared from the testimony that and his confession that the charge was true but he was willing to submit his doctrine to the decision of the council therefore after they decided that he was

wrong he agreed to renounce it and he was restored to full fellowship. Adjourned till 25 inst at 2 o'clock at the same place.

Hosea Stout Clerk.

March 25th 1842

Council met according to adjournment at the office of Prst Hyrum Smith.

A charge was prefered against Jane Price by Mercy R. Thompson for taking certain articles of property ~~from her~~ belonging to her from her house without her consent or knowledge and converting the same to her own use. Secondly for denying that she has ever taken any such articles or property & for unchristianlike conduct. Plead not guilty.

Two were appointed to speak on each side Viz; (3) L.D. Wilson (4) E. Higbee (5) D. Fulmer (6) G.W. Harris. The charges were not fully sustained. Decided that she be acquitted. Adjourned till the 7th of April next at 4 o'clock at this place.

Hosea Stout Ck

April 7th 1842

Council met according to adjournment

Charge appealed from the Freedom Branch Adams County Illinois. Appealed by I Furgerson Charge prefered against Elihu Allen by Isaac Furgerson chargin him (Allen) with being a horse thief and that he (Furgerson) could prove it and that he (Furgerson) dared him to put him up for it. Isaac Furgerson was present. Elihu Allen was not present on account of sickness in his family as appeared from testimony the case was was adjourned till the 8th of May proximo at 4 o'clock P.M. at this place

Adjourned till the 15 inst

Hosea Stout Clerk

April 22nd 1842.

Council met according to adjournment.

1st Some of the councillors stated the reasons why they had been absent from the meeting of the high Council.

2 Charge appealed from the Quorum of the Seventies

Benjamin L Clapp V.S. Jesse Turpin

Appealed by Elder Jesse Turpin

Minutes of the trial by the Quorum of Seventies June 6th 1841. Charge

To the Council of the Seventies. I prefer a charge against Elder Jesse [illegible]

Elder Batson called as a witness, his testimony was only circumstantial evidence. Voted to withdraw fellowship from Elder Jesse Turpin until he makes satisfaction to the Quorum and the same be made public through the medium of the Times & Season' A.P. Rockwood Clk"

Objections were made to the charge coming before the Council that he had not been cut off legally by the Seventies there being only one witness and his testimony circumstantial

On motion decided that the case come to trial.

One were appointed to speak on each side, viz; (7) T. Grover (8) A. Johnson (9). There were no evidences given which would give any reason to believe that he had been guilty of the charge. On motion decided that he be restored to his former fellowship & official standing in the Church

3 Council adjourned to the house of Prst W. Marks

4 The case of William Hall was taken up He stated that he had been cut off from the church by a branch of the ~~Chur~~ Church in Michigan, that he was not satisfied to remain as he was, that he had endeavoured to obtain the minutes of his trial at the time he was cut off, that he had come before the Council to know what to do, that he wanted to be restored to his former standing &c if it could be so if not he was ready to come into the church again by the door, that he thought he had been cut off wrongfully but was willing to submit to the decision of the Council &c.

Several of the councillors spoke in favor of his being restored when on motion it was Resolved, that he be restored to his former standing and official capacity in the Church and that the Clerk give him a certificate of the same.

5 On motion Resolved, That the High Council meet every Saturday at 4 o'clock at Prest Hyrum Smith's office when other meetings &c. do not ~~interfere~~ prevent.

6. On motion Adjourned till Saturday the 30th inst. at Prst H. Smith's office

Hosea Stout Clerk

April 30th 1842

Council met according to adjournment.

1 Elder Henry G. Sherwood, having returned home from his mission to New Orleans, again took his seat in the High Council

2 On motion Resolved, that a piece be published in the Times and Seasons" disapprobating the conduct of certain brethren who had moved to Nauvoo from Springfield without paying their debts &c in conformity to a request from Judge Adams & others in Springfield Illinois who wished advice from the Council on that subject as such conduct was creating a dissatisfaction in that ~~part~~ part of the country

3rd On motion Resolved, That Prests. William Marks, Austin Cowles & Charles C. Rich be the committee to draft the piece aforesaid.

4th On motion Resolved, That the Council Adjourn till the 8th of May next at 4 O'clock at this place

Hosea Stout Clerk

May 8th 1842.

Council met according to adjournment

1. Charged Appealed from the branch at Pleasant Vale. Ebenezer Brown v.s. Daniel Wood
Appealed by Daniel Wood

Charge for Lying. Two were appointed to speak on each side namely, (9) N. Knight (10) W. Hintington (11) L Soby (12) James Brown pro. tem. Plead not guilty.

The witnesses was examined on both sides and from their testimony it appeared that there had been difficulties & hardness in that branch of the Church. They being divided into parties, contending about points of doctrine, slandering one another, stirring up animosities & confusion, from which things grew the above charge against Br Daniel Wood and neither party yielding Br. Wood was brought before the branch of the Church and was disfellowshipped and appealed to this Council. The charge was not sustained. Prest Hiram Smith spoke at length on the subject, showing the situation of that branch and decided that both parties should from hence forth drop all party fellings & animosities and live together in fellowship and brotherly love and never more

mention their past difficulties among themselves and called upon the Council to sanction it which was done unanimously The parties acceded to the decision and was all reconciled together.

2nd On motion of Pr. W. Marks it was Resolved ~~the~~ That the authorities of the stake at Pleasant Vale be desolved and the stake discontinued and the members of that branch be attached to the Church of Nauvoo. Adjourned till tomorrow at 8 oclock at President William Marks'

Hosea Stout Clerk

May 9th 1842

Council met according to adjournment

1 The charge against Elihu Allen by Issac Furgerson of the 7th of April last was taken up

Three were appointed to speak on each side Viz, (1) C.C. Rich protem (2) S.B. Stoddard pro tem (3) L.D. Wilson (4) Joshua Asahel Smith pro tem (5) Stephen Markham pro tem and (6) G.W. Harris. The circumstances of the former trial was related by the defendant by the request of the Council after which the witnesses were called upon on both sides. The plaintiff failed to prove the charge. On motion of Prst Austin Cowles

Resolved. That the defendant be acquitted

The parties were reconciled to each other and agreed to lay aside all hardness and live to gether in fellowship. Adjourned till Friday the 20th inst at 4 o'clock at H. Smiths office

Hosea Stout Clerk

May 20th Council met according to adjournment

The Committee appointed, on the 30th of April last to to draft a piece to be published in the Times & Seasons submitted the same to the Council.

On motion Resolved that the said piece by accepted by the Council & published in the "Times & Seasons"

Adjourned till tomorrow at 12 o'clock at this place

Hosea Stout Clerk

[Book # 2]

Minutes of the High Council

of the

Church of Jesus Christ

of

Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo

Hancock County Illinois

From the 20th of May 1842 to the 19th February 1843

Names of the members of the High Council

William Marks, President of the Council

Austin Cowles

Charles C. Rich President's Councillers

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| 1 Sammel Bent | 7 Thomas Grover |
| 2 James Allred | 8 Aaron Johnson |
| 3 Lewis D. Wilson | 9 Newel Knight |
| 4 Alpheus Cutler | 10 William Huntington Sr |
| 5 David Fulmer | 11 Leonard Soby |
| 6 George W. Harris | 12 Henry G. Sherwood |

May 20th 1842. Council met at the ~~Store of Joseph Smith~~ Lodge Room

Charge against Chancy L Higbee by George Miller For unchaste and unvirtuous conduct with the widow Miller and others. Plead not guilty. Two were appointed to speak on each side Viz-- (6) George W. Harris (7) Thos Grover (8) Aaron Johnson (9) Newel Knight.

The defendant Plead for an adjournment as he was not ready for trial for the want of his evidence.

The council decided that his reasons were not sufficient for an adjournment and proceeded to trial.

Three witness testified that he had seduced them and at different times been guilty of unchaste and unvirtuous conduct with them and taught the doctrine that it was right to have free

intercourse with women if it was kept secret &c and also taught that Joseph Smith authorized him to practise these things &c.

On motion of President Hyrum Smith

Resolved, That he (Chancy Higbee) be expelled from the Church and the same be made publick through the medium of the "Times and Seasons."

2nd Charge against Robert D. Foster by Nathan F Knight for unchristianlike conduct in not being willing to settle with me honorably for work that my son did for him and for a ten dollar bill that he had of my son which said bill was counterfeit but he refused to give it up and my son was deprived of the privilege of taking it back and exchanging it where he got it. Pl[e]ad not guilty One were appointed to speak on each side Viz (11) Leonard Soby and (12) Joshua Smith Pro tem.

The charge was not sustained On motion Resolved, That he be acquitted After which the parties were reconciled Adjourned till Saturday the 28th at President Hyrum Smith's office at 1 O'clock

Hosea Stout Clerk

May 24th 1842

The High Council met according to apointment at the Lodge Room

1st The te[s]timony of Mrs Sarah Miller and Miss Margaret and Matilda Neymans were taken relative to the charge against Chancy Higbee and others showing the manner of iniquity practised by them upon female virtue & the unhallowed means by which they accomplished their desires

Adjourned till to morrow at 12 o'clock

H Stout

May 25th 1842

The Council met according to adjournment

1st Charge against against John Hodson by H. G. Sherwood For unlawfully detaining from Harriet Parker, her house and premises, done in her behalf.

The defendant did not appear. The charge was fully sustained On motion Resolved That he be disfellowshipped until he make satisfaction to H. G. Sherwood and restore the house to Harriet

Parker

2nd Charge against Mrs Catherine Warren by George Miller for unchaste and unvirtuous conduct with John C. Bennett and others

The defendant confessed to the charge and give the names of several others who had been guilty of having unlawful intercourse with her stating that they taught the doctrine that it was right to have free intercourse with women and that the heads of the Church also taught and practised it which things caused her to be led away thinking it to be right but becoming convinced that it was not right and learning that the heads of the church did not believe nor practise such things she was willing to confess her sins and did repent before God for what she had done and desired earnestly that the Council would forgive her and covenanted that she would hence forth do so no more.

After which she was restored to fellowship by the unanimous vote of the Council.

3 On motion Council adjourned till ~~tomorrow~~ Friday the 27th inst at 12 O'clock at this place

Hosea Stout Clerk

May 27th 1842

Council met according to adjournment

1st Charge against Lyman O Littlefield by Geo Miller For improper and unvirtuous conduct and for teaching false doctrine. Plead not guilty Two were appointed to speak on each side Viz. (1) Saml Bent (2) James Allred (3) Lewis D. Wilson and (4) Wilford Woodruff

The charge was fully sustained. On motion Resolved, That he be disfello[w]shipped untill he made satisfaction to this Council.

2 Charge against Darwin Chace by Geo Miller For improper and unvirtuous conduct and for teaching false doctrine. Plead not guilty Two were appoihted to speak on the case Viz (5) David Fulmer and George W. Harris.

The defendant plead for an adjournment for the want of evidence On motion Resolved, That this case be adjourned till tomorrow at 1 o'clock at this place

3rd Charge against Joel S. Miles by George Miller For improper and unvirtuous conduct and for teaching false doctrine. Plead not guilty. Two were apointed to speak on the case, Viz. (7) Thos Grover and (8) Aaron Johnson. The charge was fully sustained On motion Resolved that he be disfellowshipped ~~untill~~

Adjourned till tomorrow at 1 O'clock at this place

May 28th 1842.

Council met according to adjournment

1st Charge against Justus Morse by George Miller For unchaste and unvirtuous conduct with the daughter of the Widow Neyman &c. &c. ~~Charge was sustained~~

~~———— The defendant did not appear before the Council but upon being cited to appear before the Council he ordered his name to be struck off of the Church Book as he did not wish to stand a trial~~

Two were appointed to speak on the case Viz. (9) Newel Knight and (10) William Huntington.

Charge was sustained On motion of President Austin Cowles, Resolved, That he (the defendant) be disfellowshipped

2nd The Charge against Darwin Chace (of the 27th inst) was taken up according to adjournment. Charg[e] not sustained

The President decided that he should be restored to full fellowship ~~which was carried by a majority of 8 to 4. After which the case spoken on by different ones of the Council to show further light on the subject and showing reasons why they did not accede to the Presidents decisions.~~

~~———— The President again called on the council to sanction his decision which was done unanimously. Which was carried unanimously~~

Which was carried unanimously

3 On motion Adjourned till Saturday the 4th of June at ** o'clock at Hiram Smith's office

Hosea Stout Clerk

June the 10th 1842

Council met according to previous adjournment

1st President Marks informed the Council that Br Grover was going on a mission to the State of New-York and requested the council to grant a letter of recommendation for him which was granted unanimously.

2nd Elder Grover then nominated Elder Daniel Carn to fill his seat in the Council during his absence on the aforesaid mission which was sanctioned by the Council unanimously.

3rd Charge against Amanda Smith by Ira S. Miles For unchristian-like conduct. In stating that my wife, Mary K. Miles, has had too frequent intercourse with Joseph McCall, at my house, at different times and other places thereby insinuating that she (that is my wife) is guilty of adultery with said Joseph McCall. One were appointed to speak on each side namely (11) Leonard Soby (12) Henry G. Sherwood. The defendant plead not guilty of the charge. (Adjourned to Pr H. Smith's office). The charge was investigated in full. The charge was sustained

Decided that she was to blame for not ~~taking the gospel~~ proceeding in a lawful manner by taking the gospel rule; but spoke of it to others and that she shoul[d] make this acknowledgement to the Council

This confession Sister Smith made. Said she was very sorry she had not taken the gospel steps

A vote was taken of the council to know if they were satisfied with the acknowledgement of Sister Smith which was unanimous that they were & would still hold her in fellowship in the Church.

Adjourned till the 18th of June at Hyrum Smith office at 4 'clock.

Hosea Stout Clerk

June 18th 1842

Council met according to adjournment and adjourned till the 25th inst at this place at 4'o'clock

Hosea Stout Clerk

June 25th 1842.

Council met according to adjournment. Adjourned till Saturday the 2nd of July 1842 at this place at 4 o'clock

Hosea Stout Clerk

July 2nd 1842.

Council met according to adjournment. Adjourned till tuesday the 5th of July 1842.

Hosea Stout Clerk

July 5th 1842

Council met according to adjournment Adjourned to the house of Aaron Johnson.

1 Charge against Hamilton Savage by Elijah Wilson. Apealled by Hamilton Savage from the Bear Creek Branch of the Church

Charge

First For running away and leaving a slander on the Branch of the Church

Second, For lying,

3 For taking away that which was not his own agreeable to contract. The decision of the Bear Creek Branch was that the charge was sustained and that he be disfellowshipped untill he make satisfaction.

The parties was called on who said they were ready for trial. 2 were apointed to speak on each side namely (1) Samuel Bent (2) James Allred (3) Lewis D. Wilson (4) Erastus Bingham pro. tem for Elias Higbee. The charge was not sustained. Decided that he be acquitted of the charge and restored to fellowship.

Adjourned till Saturday the 16th inst. at 4 o'clock at H. Smith's office

Hosea Stout Clerk

July 16th 1842

Council met according to adjournment. Adjourned till tomorrow at 6 o'clock at this place.

Hosea Stout Clerk

July 17th 1842.

Council met according to adjournment. Adjourned till Saturday the 23rd inst at 6 o'clock at this place

Hosea Stout Clerk

July 23rd 1842.

Council met according to adjournment and adjourned till tomorrow evening at 5 o'clock at this place

Hosea Stout Clerk

July 24th 1842.

Council met according to adjournment. adjourned till the 30th inst at this place

Hosea Stout Clerk

July 30th 1842.

Council met according to adjournment.

5th of August 1842

Elder Alpheus Cutler having returned home from the Pineries again took his seat in the Council. Adjourned till Saturday the 5th of August 1842 at this place at 2 o'clock P.M.

Hosea Stout Clerk

August 5th 1842.

Council met according to adjournment. Adjourned till 2 o'clock to morrow at this place

Hosea Stout Clk

August 13th 1842

Council met according to appointment Adjourned till the 20th inst

H. Stout Clerk

August 20th 1842

Council met according to adjournment.

John Hodson appeared before the Council and made satisfaction according to the decision of the Council and was restored to full fellowship in the Church

2 Resolved that the City of Nauvoo be divided into ten wards, according to the division made by the "Temple Committee" and that there be a Bishop appointed over each ward, and, also that these Bishops be appointed over such districts immediately out of the City and adjoining thereto as shall be considered necessary.

3rd Resolved that Samuel H. Smith be appointed Bishop in the place of Bishop Vinson Knight dec

also that Tariton Lewis be appointed Bishop of the 4th ward

John Murdock of the 5th ward

Daniel Carn of the 6th ward

Jacob Foutz of the 8th ward

Jonathan H Hale of the 9th ward

Hezekiah Peck of the 11th ward

David Evans of the district south of the City called the 11th ward

Israel Calkins of the district East of the City and South of Knight Street

Adjourned till tomorrow at 4 o'clock at this place

Hosea Stout Clk

August the 21st 1842

Council met according to adjournment.

1. President Hyrum Smith informed the Council that Samuel H. Smith could not take upon him the office of Bishop as appointed on the 20th inst

2. Tarlton Lewis, John Murdock, Jacob Foutz, Johnathan H Hale Hezekiah Peck, David Evans, and Israel Calkins were ordained to the office of Bishop according to their several appointments who all accepted of their offices.

Adjourned till next saturday at 4 o'clock at this place

Hosea Stout Ck

August 27th 1842.

Council met according to adjournment. Adjourned till 3rd of Sept next at 4 o'clock at this place

H. Stout Clerk

Sept 3rd 1842

[original minutes on file note some deletions] Council met according to adjournment

A Charge was preferred against Gustavus Hills by Elijah Everett one of the teachers of the Church for illicit intercourse with a certain woman by the name of Mary Clift by which she is with child and for teaching the said Mary Clift that the heads of the Church practised such conduct & that the time would come when men would have more wives than one &c.

Mary Clift did not appear & upon vote it was adjourned until 4 o'clock P.M. tomorrow

Samuel Bent David Fulmer Elisha Everett & Gustavus Hills were to go to her house at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning & take Alderman Spencer to take her depositions and so that the trial might take place according to adjournment to morrow (omission) [See Page 10 for omission]

Sept 4th 1842

[original minutes in file note some deletions] Council met according to adjournment. Joshua Smith being absent Elias Higbee was appointed in his place.

the case of Gustavus Hills was called. President A. Cowles spoke by way of address to the council upon the subject.

Sept 4th 1842

The affidavit of Mary Clift, dated 29th Aug 1842 as also one of Sept 4th 1842 were read

Esther Smith gave evidence that defendant told her it was lawful for people to hold illicit intercourse if they only held their peace & that ~~the time would~~ it was agreeable to the practice of some of the leading men or heads of the Church. It took place the thursday before the Choir was dismissed in the upper part of Town near the Bluff at 9 O'clock in the evening, she was going home _ he offered & went to accompany her and this took place upon the way, she further testified that Mary Clift joined the Choir at Br Joseph Smiths.

Defendant then produced a paper containing questions put to & answers given by Mary Clift this morning after her deposition was taken by alderman Spencer which went, together with aforesaid depositions, to prove his guilt several witnesses were afterwards called upon in his behalf but none gave any evidence that he was innocent

The Councillors then spoke according to order who were four in all Viz (5) David Fulmer (6) G.W. Harris (7) Simeon Carter pro tem for T Grover (8) and A Johnson. Br Averett & Hills then spoke After which Prest Cowles & Rich gave their judgement in which the entire Council

concured by vote that is by disfellowshipping Gustavius Hills.

(The two following articles should have been inserted on page 9 see ommision)

A matter indispute between Alexander Stanly & others and Br Pierce, concerning a price of Land, was refered to the council & afterwards handed over to Prest Marks Jas. Allred Alpheus Culter G.W. Harris & A Johnson as arbritrators who were to try the case on Tuesday next to hear & decide the case that day

a bond to be previously entered into by the parties the bond to be executed by all parties on Monday next Said Arbitrators are to ~~appear and decide~~

Sept 3rd 1842

On application of J.M. Powers to have a hearing of his appeal from the Bishops (Miller) decision which has lain over, or that he be reinstated in as much as the hand of fellowship has been withdrawn from him

Sept 3rd 1842

It was decided that former decision stand confirmed Sept 3rd 1842 The minutes of the 3 & 4 of Sept were taken by Elder James Sloan.

Adjourned till next Saturday at 4 o clock at this place

Hosea Stout Clk

Sept 10th 1842.

Council met according to adjournment.

Ezra Hayes came before the Council and made some confession was forgiven after which he was ordained an Elder.

Lewis Muedze was also ordained an Elder as he desired to return to Germany to preach the gospel.

Councillor Samuel Bent appointed E Higbee to fill his place in the High Council during his absence on a mission

Adjourned for one week at same time & place

Hosea Stout Clerk

Sept 17th 1842

Council met according to adjournment

Priest Truman Gilbert presented a Recommend from the Kirtland Branch Ohio and was ordained an Elder according to his request

Charles Greenwood requested an ordination he was recommended by L. Soby he was ordained

Henry G Sherwood, G.W. Harris & Hosea Stout were appointed a committee to go & see Br Robinson former clerk for the purpose of procuring a book [Far West Record] from him which had the proceedings of General Conferences of the Church [and] High Councils of ~~Kirtland Ohio~~ Clay County & Far West Mo.

Adjourned for one week to the same time & place

Hosea Stout Clk.

Sept 24th

Council did not meet because of a general parade of the Nauvoo Legion
October 1st 1842. Council met according to adjournment.

The committee appointed on the 17th inst to see E. Robinson made their report that he was ready to deliver up said book at any time that the papers could be arranged which had not been recorded.

On motion Resolved, That Hosea Stout be appointed to assist E. Robinson in arraing[ing] said papers in order of date and that he be authorized to recieve the record with all the papers pertaining there to. also that he be appointed to record all the proceedings of the Church & High Councils which are not on record in said book (The latest proceeding on record is Dated December 7th 1837.) And also that he be retained from going on a mission to preach the gospel which had previously been appointed to him by a Special Conference of the Church

Tarlton Lewis Bishop of the 4th Ward made his report according to the instructions of the Council which were accepted

Adjourned ~~thi~~ for one week at the same time & place

Hosea Stout Clerk

Oct 8th 1842

Council met according to adjournment, no Buisness Adjourned one week at the same time and place

Hosea Stout Clerk

Oct 15th 1842.

Council met according to adjournment. ~~John Murdock~~ Present A Cowles Prst (1) E. Higbee (2) (3) L.D. Wilson (5) D. Fulmer (6) G.W. Harris (8) A Johnson (10) W. Huntington (11) Leonard Soby (12) HG Sherwood James Sloan pro tem.

Prayer by D. Fulmer

John Murdock Bishop of the 5th ward made his report and stated that he had chosen Joseph Fielding and John Lowry High Priests for his two Councillors.

This report was accepted by the Council. Adjourned one week, to the same time and place.

Hosea Stout Clerk

Oct. 22nd 1842

The High Council met according to adjournment.

Present.

Austin Cowles, President.

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| 1. Elias Higbee pro. tem | 7 Isaac Hibbee pro. tem. |
| 2. James Allred | 8 Aaron Johnson |
| 3. Lewis D. Wilson | 9 James Sloan pro tem. |
| 4. Alpheus Cutler | 10 Wm Huntington |

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| 5. | Wm Felshaw pro tem | 11 Leonard Soby |
| 6. | Geo W. Harris | 12 Shadrack Roundy pro tem. |

Charge.

Allen Talley against Benjamin Boydston.

1st. For imprudent conduct towards Br. John Turpin's wife

2nd For insulting and abusing and striking Br L.T. Coons in his own house.

3. For being of a contentious make.

4th For misrepresenting or of telling falsehoods.

5th. For wanting Br D.M. Gamut to carry a challenge to Br L.T. Coons, to meet him at his own time or place with sticks, swords, guns, or fist and scull, and if he was not satisfied, there knock it out.

Defendant confessed to the charges except the 3rd and 4th said he did not think he was contentious or guilty of misrepresentation or fals[e]hood, and that he was willing to make satisfaction for every thing which he had done amiss.

Both parties expressed an anxiety to to be reconciled and put an end to their difficulties. After talking over the affair before the Council the parties were reconciled together without the council having to act upon it. Adjourned as usual

H. Stout Ck.

Oct 29th 1842

Council met according to adjournment.

Present William Mark Prest

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| 1. | Samuel Bent | 7 Shadrack Roundy pro tem |
| 2 | James Allred | 8 Aaron Johnson |
| 3 | L.D. Wilson | 9 Newel Knight |
| 4 | Alpheus Cutler | 10 W. Huntington Sr |
| 5 | David Fulmer | 11 Leonard Soby |
| 6 | G.W. Harris | 12 ***** |

Samuel Bent having returned home from his mission again took his seat in the Council.

John Hammond made a report of Bishop Evans or the 11th Ward and informed the Council that himself and Elder Phillip Ballard had been made choice of by Bishop Evans for his Councillors which was accepted.

Isaac Higbee Bishop of the 1, 2 & 3 wards made his report which was accepted.

On motion of L.D. Wilson Shadrack Roundy was appointed to fill the vacancy of Thos Grover during his absence on a mission.

John Hammond presented the following petition from a part of the Union Branch or the 11th ward which was voted that it be laid over untill Prest Hiram Smith return home

"October 18th 1842

To the Honorable President Joseph Smith and High Councillors of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at the City of Nauvoo We the undersigned subscribers, members of the aforesaid Church belonging to the Union branch at golden's point, do petition your most honorable body, with President Smith also, to grant unto us the priveledge of organizing a new, or in other words, set us off into a new branch, including all who live in the following boundry, to wit; Beginning at the Mississippi river so as to include J. Manifest's Br Luce and running East so as to include J. Manifest's place, continuing Easterly so as to include John Egbert and Joseph Curtis, thence South 4 miles thence West to the Mississippi so as to include the brethren at Montabello thence North to the beginning.

We the undersigned petitioners, praying for favor of the most Honorable and dignified High Councillors at Nauvoo, do hereby certify that this arrangement would be greatly to our advantage & convenience, wherefore, we subscribe ourselves you humble petitioners and obedient servants.

We forward our petition by one of Bishop Evans' Councillors, John Hammond"

A large number of Brothers and Sisters had signed the above petition

Adjourned as usual

H. Stout Clerk

Oct Nov 5 th 1842

Council met as usual no buisness adjourned till next Saturday at this place at 2 o'clock.

H. Stout Clk.

~~Oct~~ Nov 12th 1842

Council met according to adjournment & adjourned till next Saturday at this place at 1 o'clock P.M.

Hosea Stout Clerk

~~Oct~~ Nov 19th 1842.

Council met according to adjournment

Present.

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| 1. | Samuel Bent *Prest | 7 Shadrack Roundy |
| 2 | James Allred | 8 Aaron Johnson |
| 3 | Peter Hawes pro. tem. | 9 Newel Knight |
| 4 | Alpheus Cutler | 10 W. Huntington Sr |
| 5 | David Fulmer | 11 Leonard Soby |
| 6 | G.W. Harris. | 12 H.G. Sherwood |

*Robt Stone for S. Bent

Prayer by David Fulmer.

Charge.

William Marks against Windsor P. Lyon.

"To the High Council of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

I prefer a charge against Windsor P. Lyons for instituting a suit at law against me on the 4th of November, and for other acts derogatory to the character of a christian

Nauvoo Nov. 7th 1842.

William Marks, complainant"

Defendant said that the suit was instituted by him, in another man's name, therefore, did not think he was in fault &c.

Two were appointed to speak on the case, viz; (9) Knight and (10) Huntington.

The charge was fully sustained. The president then decided that, unless he ~~repent~~ humble himself and repent, the hand of fellowship be with drawn from him, which decision was unanimously sanctioned by the Councillors

Nov 26th

Alpheus Cutler informed the Council that President Joseph & Hyrum Smith wished the Council to grant the petition of a part of the Union Branch of Oct the 18th inst inasmuch as it was their desire when on motion it was Resolved, that the Petition be granted.

Adjourned till Saturday the 26th at 2 o'clock P.M. at this place.

Hosea Stout Clerk

Nov 26th Council met according to adjournment at Hyrum's office

Voted that, whereas there is evil practices and persuits among some who profess to be saints of God among us, that Elder Henry G. Sherwood be appointed as an aterney for this Council or in other words that he ~~seek~~ ferret out all such evil disposed persons and bring them before this Council to be dealt with according to the Church rules and regulations. And also unanimously, Resolved, that this Council will sustain Elder Sherwood in ferreting out such iniquity in righteousness.

Voted that Hosea Stout be appointed to ascertain the boundrys of the ten different ward[s] of this City, that the Bishopric may be more perfectly set in order, and make report at the next Council

Adjourned till next Wednesday the 30th inst at 2 o'clock at the house of Prest Marks.

H. Stout, Clerk.

Nov 30th 1842

Council met according to adjournment but did not do any buisness in consequence of the sitting of the Municipal Court which necessarily called away some of the Councillors. Adjourned till next Sunday at 1 o'clock at Hyrum's office.

Dec 4th 1842

Council met according to adjournment

The report of the ~~different w~~ boundaries of the different wards were made as follows:

"All that part of the City of Nauvoo, lying North of Mulholland street (which runs from West to East) is divided into five Wards, which (Wards) are bounded on the West by the Mississippi river and on the East by the City boundry line

The First Ward is bounded on the North by the City boundry line and on the South by Brattle Street.

The Second Ward is bounded on the North by Brattle Street or the first Ward, and on the South by Carlos Street or the 3rd Ward.

The Third Ward is bounded on the North by C[arlos] Street, or the the 2nd Ward, and on the South by Joseph Street or the Fourth Ward

The Fourth Ward is bounded on the North by Joseph Street (or the Third Ward) and on the south by Cutler Street, or the Fifth Ward.

The Fifth Ward is bounded on the North by Cutler Street, or the Fourth Ward, and on the South by Mulholland Street

All that part of the City of Nauvoo, lying South of Mulholland Street, is divided into five Wards, which constitute the, sixth, seventh, Eighth, Ninth, and Tenth Wards, Which are bounded on the South by the Mississippi river and the City boundry line, and on the North by Mulholland street.

The Sixth Ward is bounded on the West by the Mississippi river, and on the East by Main Street, or the Seventh Ward.

The Seventh Ward is bounded on the West by Main Street, or the Sixth Ward, and on the East by Durfee Street or the Eighth Ward.

The Eighth Ward is bounded on the West by Durfee Street, or the Seventh Ward, and on the East by Robinson Street or the Ninth Ward.

The Ninth Ward is bounded on the West by Robinson Street, or the Eighth Ward and on the East by Green Street, or the Tenth Ward.

The Tenth Ward is bounded on the West by Green Street, or the Ninth Ward, and on the East by the City Boundry line."

Resolved that Bishop Whitney have the Seventh Ward alloted to him.

Bishop Isaac Higbee made report of his Wards which was accepted

Also Bishop Hezekiah Peck of the Tenth Ward ~~made~~ sent in his report by President Charles C. Rich which was accepted. Adjourned till next Sabbath at ***o'clock at this place.

Hosea Stout Clerk

Dec 11th 1842. Council met according to adjournment

Bishop Jonathan H. Hale of the ninth Ward made a very large and elegant report of the situation and standing of his ward which was accepted.

Adjourned till next Sabbath at 2 o'clock at this place

Hosea Stout Clerk

Dec 18th 1842

Council met according to adjournment. No buisness. Adjourned till next Sabbath it being Christman day, at 2 o'clock at this place.

Hosea Stout Clerk

Dec 25th 1842.

Council met according to adjournment. No buisness. Adjourned till next Sabbath at 2 o'clock at this place.

Hosea Stout, Clerk

January 1st 1843.

Council met according to adjournment. No business. Adjourned till next Sabbath at 2 o'clock at this place.

Hosea Stout, Clerk

Jan 8th 1843

Council met according to adjournment and adjourned to the House of Councillor Aaron Johnson's.

Resolved that ~~the Clerk write~~ a piece be published in the "Times & Seasons["] stating that William & Alford Young has been restored to fellowship (they having been disfellowshipped by Joseph Smith upon the complaint of John D. Lee and others &c and that the Clerk shall prepare the piece and make report thereof at the next Council.

Resolved that the Council meet every Sabbath at Aaron Johnson's house at 2 o'clock P.M.

Adjourned accordingly

Hosea Stout Clerk

January 15th 1843.

Council met according to adjournment.

Present Williams Marks, President.

(1) S. Bent (2) J. Allred (3) Reuben Hadlock pro tem. (4) A. Cutler (5) D. Fulmer (6) G.W. Harris (7) T. Grover (8) A. Johnson (9) N. Knight (10) W. Huntington (11) L. [torn, probably L.D. Wilson] (12) Elias Higbee pro tem.

Prayer by Prest W. Marks

Charge.

Benjamin Kempton against Jacob Gates.

Appealed from the Bishop's court of the ninth ward, as follows:

Appealed by Jacob Gates.

Appeal.

"To the Bishop and Council of the ninth Ward.

I hereby prefer a charge against Jacob Gates, for taking an unchristianlike way in wronging or trying to wrong me out of about \$5 which is my just due.

Benjamin Kempton

Nauvoo Dec 28th 1842

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a charge preferred before me and sustained.

Nauvoo, Jany 11th 1843.

Jonathan H. Hale.

Bishop of the ninth Ward in the City of Nauvoo."

Two were appointed to speak on the case Viz, Leonard Soby and Elias Higbee.

After the case had been investigated at some length & the pleadings were over, the President decided that the charge was not sustained which was sanctioned unanimously by the Councillors.

The piece written by the Clerk as Resolved by the last council was then read & accepted.

Adjourned till next Saturday the 21st at 9 o'clock at ~~this place~~ Hirums office to attend to Special buisness.

Hosea Stout Clerk.

Jan 21st 1843.

Council met according to adjournment. Hyrum Smith William Marks & Charles C. Rich, Presidents. The Council was organized as, follows:

Samuel Bent No 1

James Allred No. 2

Lewis D. Wilson " 3

A Cutler " 4

David Fulmer " 5	G.W. Harris " 6
Thomas Grover No 7	Aaron Johnson No 8
Zebidee Coultrin " 9	W. Huntington " 10
Leonard Soby " 11	Joshua Smith pro tem 12

Prayer by President Marks.

Henry H. Wilson appeared before the Council and desired to know, whether, in his present condition, it would be wisdom, and also if it would be justifiable by the laws of God and man, for him to unite himself in matrimony, or not, as he had a living wife

It appeared from evidence adduced that his wife was a very contentious, disobedient and ungovernable woman and that she would not submit to good order, or abide his council and altogether refused to live with and that they had been apart for the last five years and many other things which was unbecoming &c.

After which it was decided by President Hyrum Smith and William Marks, that if he feels himself justified and can sustain himself against the laws of the land, that he is clear as far as they were concerned ((ie) the jurisdiction of the High Council) and was at liberty to marry again on the aforesaid conditions

The following charge was then presented.

"Nauvoo January 16th 1843.

You Enoch King and Mary your wife are hereby notified to appear before the High Council of this Stake on next Saturday, the 21st inst. at 9 o'clock in the morning, to answer to charges preferred against you, for living in adultery; and unchristian-like conduct

Done by order of William Marks, President of the High Council."

The trial of the above case was adjourned till one O'clock P.M. for the want of the proper evidence as neither party was ready for trial.

Henry G. Sherwood took his seat in Council

The following charge was then read,

"Nauvoo January 17th 1843.

You, Henry Cook, are requested to appear before the High Council of this Stake, on Saturday next, at 9 o'clock, on said day, at Hyrum Smith's office, to answer, as far as fellowship is concerned, to a charge for unchristianlike conduct, for selling your wife &c. &c.

Done by order of President Marks, President of the High Council"

Defendant said he was innocent of the charge

Two were appointed to speak on the case, Viz: Samuel Bent and James Allred. Upon examination of the case, it appeared from evidence, that Cook had lost his wife not long since and was left with three children and being in destitute circumstances, and not in a condition to keep house, thought that he had best get married again and advised with some of his friends who also thought it best if he could get a suitable companion, not long afterwards, upon a short acquaintance, and the recommendation of some of his friends he got married to Mary ***** not long after this he found that she was in the habit of traveling about at night when there was no need of it &c. and that she ~~was~~ would shamefully misuse his children & set bad examples before them, use very indecent language to them &c also would abuse ~~him~~ & insult him without a cause and entirely refuse to be subject to him or be under his contrall, boasting that she would be governed by no man and threaten to use violence on him and his children and that she would go off and say she would leave him, but come back again and many such like improprieties, and that he had ~~use~~ remonstrated against such proceedings with as much patience as could be expected under such circumstances and used every method to bring her to her duty that he thought would avail anything with her and afterwards that he had whiped her pretty sevearly (which was his own testimony) thinking that might bring her to her duty; that he did not sell her but something had been said about it which was understood as a joke by himself and the witnesses but the party making the offer held it as a bargain & so did she. it also appeared that he had formerly been a civil upright man who desired to live in peace and good order, all of which was abundantly proven.

President Hyrum Smith spoke at some length on the subject, and, after giving Cook a very appropriate and severe reprimand for ~~using the rod~~ whipping his wife, he thought Cook had acted as well as could be expected under his circumstances and decided that he should be acquitted. The vote was then put to the council by Prest Mark[s] and carried unanimously

The Council adjourned a few minutes and again met, after which the charge against Enoch King and wife was adjourned till next Saturday at 9 o'clock A.M.

The following charge was then read,

"Nauvoo January 17th 1843

You John Thorp and widow, Sarah Miller, said now to be the wife of John Thorp, are each of you hereby notified to appear before the High Council of this Stake, on Saturday next at 9 o'clock in the morning at Hyrum Smith's office to answer, as far as fellowship is concerned, to a charge preferred against you for living in adultery and unchristian-like conduct.

Done by order of President Marks.

President of the High Council"

Two were appointed to speak on the case viz (3) L.D. Wilson and (4) A Cutler.

Upon examination of the case it appeared that Thorp and Sarah Miller had got married on the 6th of Dec last and that Thorp had another living wife now in this City, who was also at the trial, but he did not appear and sent word that he asked the Council no odds, another reason which he had given for not coming was that he was afraid that he would be arrested by the civil law and sent to the penitentiary for Bigamy, which was a proff of his guilt.

As for Sarah Miller, she plead ignorance saying she did not know but she had a right to marry him that Thorp used many arguments to induce her to have him and finely convinced her that it was right and also that Dr. Foster & others had used their influence to bring it about &c. &c. Much was said on the subject and the charge being sustained in the fullest sense it was decided by Prest H. Smith & Marks that they both be cut off from the church which decision was sanctioned unanimously by the Council.

Charge against John C Annis

For performing the matrimonial ceremony between John Wells Taylor and Mary Cook wife of Henry Cook, who was living.

It appeared that Mary Cook had left her husband and her and Wells got married under the plea that he had bought her of Cook for her weight in cat-fish and that Annis had married them which thing he frankly confessed, and stated that he had found out since he had no right to do it, and his reasons for it &c he manifested a spirit of deep repentance and remorse for what he had done and was willing to make any satisfaction which would be required &c ~~which~~

President Hyrum Smith spoke at some length on the subject and reprimanded Annis for what he had done, without understanding his duty &c and then decided that he should be acquitted which was sanctioned by the Council unanimously.

The following charge was then read.

"Nauvoo January 21st 1843.

Charge against Thomas Prouse and Charity Thorp, now ~~the wife~~ living with said Prouse, for the crime of adultery and other unchristian-like conduct.

Done by order of the High Council

Upon examination of the case it appeared that Prouse and Mrs Thorp was married on the 22nd day Dec. last. That she had previously to this came to his house to work for him, as he had lost his wife, and he had ascertain[ed] that she had some difficulty with her husband and that they did not live together and that he did not provide for her as he should &c and that he became more &

more attached to her the more he became a[c]quainted, and also his children became acquainted attached to her and did not want her to leave their house and often solicited him to marry her which at last he did.

His reasons in justification of himself was that Thorp abused her and did not provide for her and because of the attachment of his children to her and more especially after Thorp got married to Sarah Miller &c all this was ~~the~~ statement of the parties and strengthened by other testimony.

President Hyrum Smith spoke at [length] upon the subject showing the iniquity of their conduct that they were living in adultery ~~and that the only way for them to~~ He then decided that they both be disfellowshipped, which was sanctioned by the Council unanimously

Council then adjourned till next Saturday at 9 o'clock at this place when the other buisness now before the Council would be taken up.

Hosea Stout, Clerk

January 28th 1843

High Council met according to adjournment [original minutes on file note some deletions]

President.

W. Marks Hiram Smith and C.C. Rich Presiding

1 Bent 2 Allred 3) Wilson 4) Cutler 5) Fulmer 6 Harris 7) Grover 8) Johnson 9) Knight 10) Huntington 11) Soby 12) Isaac Higbee pro tem.

1 A charge against William Wilsey for performing a marriage ceremony. Defendant plead guilty and was sorry.

Francis Boggs-- Evidence spoke in favor of defendant's character &c

President Hyrum Smith thought that defendant had done wrong, But believed that he had through debility of body and mind done more than right but that he might be forgiven.

President W. Marks cautioned against future acts of the kind, that Elders should be cautious & wise in future, and that defendant be acquitted which was done by vote of the Council.

Charge against John Blazzard and Mrs Pool for living in adultery.

(5) David Fulmer (6) G.W. Harris speaks in the trial.

Thomas Miller. Evidence said that Mrs Pool had a husband in England Viz Mr Pool that he and she had difficulties, yet not very serious or very uncommon, not on account of any adultery--parties separated--not divorced.

Ann Booth. Said that Mr Pool wished to continue to live with her.

Mary Hardman said that Mr Pool did not like to live with his wife; loved and respected her and that she sought occasion to have him speak evil against her, to enable her to quit him, and that they parted with each other affectionately when she left England.

Elder D. Wilding says he never gave any advise for her to marry, or to leave her husband, believes she had no right to marry.

Blizzard says he asked advise of B. Young who would not give leave to marry, if he married he must be for himself.

G Hills Esqr said to Blizzard that he thought it lawful to marry Mrs Pool, that Hills asked Joseph's opinion & said that Joseph advised that Blizzard and Mrs Pool be married, he was by Hill married to her.

Gustavius Hills Evidence said Blizzard asked his opinion respecting marrying ~~her~~ Mrs Pool, he answered it was wrong in the statute Blizzard employed Hills to ask Joseph's advise, Joseph advised was to marry

Mrs Pool's letter to Joseph accused her husband (Mr Pool) of ill usage. Hills pronounced the ceremony of marriage between Blizzard & Mrs Pool on the island

Mrs Pool, says that Mr. Pool was cross and used her roughly whenever she was ~~in a family~~ pregnant he beat her, never beat her only when pregnant until they both joined the Church after which he was more cross but did not beat her.

Councillors Fulmer & Harris spoke on it, then Prest H. Smith spoke and stated that he advised her not to marry unless she was divorced from her husband, and would be wrong &c but gave it as his opinion that they now live in adultery, that they can not be retained in fellowship. The Council was then called on who sanctioned the same. They were accordingly cut off. adjourned 30 minutes, met again pursuant to adjt.

Charge against Enock King and Mary Eggleston for adultery as adjourned before--defendants plead for an adjournment which was adjourned for two weeks from this day at 2 o'clock P.M.

Charge against James Reed and Mary Powell for adultery.

"To the High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

I hereby prefer a charge against James Reed and Mary Powell for an act of adultery by living together,

January 28th 1843

By C.C. Rich

Parties present. Thos Evins Evidence says that Mrs Powell's husband lived in pursuit of illicit conduct with females, knew he tried to marry another woman.

Charlottee Arthur Evidence, says that Mrs Powell's husband was of bad character, 3 years last June since he left Mrs Powell.

James Reed. said that Mr Powell was about to get married. Mary Powell said that Mr Powell was endeavouring to get married, denied to have been married to Mrs Powell she got a certificate of the marriage, Powell refused to support her (Mrs Powell) and that he was living in adultery with another woman.

Parties acquitted and held in fellowship the council agreed to it.

Charge against John Wells Taylor and Mary Cook, wife of Henry Cook, (alias the cat fish woman)

Wells said he bought her. The former miunetts took as evidence and both expelled from the Church by the Council

Adjourned till next Saturday at one o'clock P.M. at this place when and where the case of Albert Clement and his wife will be called

H.G. Sherwood Clerk Pro tem.

Feb 4th 1843

Met according to adjournment at Hyrum Smth's office

William Marks & Charles C. Rich Presiding

Councillors present

(1) Thomas Carico pro tem. (2) Allred (3) Wilson (4) Cutler (5) Fulmer (6) Harris (7) Grover (8) Johnson (9) Knight (10) Eli Norton pro tem (11) Soby (12) Joseph Kingsberry pro tem

The case of John Blazzard and Mrs Pool was again taken up for a rehearing as they wished to adduce additional testimony. when it appeared that ~~the former husband of~~ Mr Pool was an adulterous man by the evidence. After which it was decided that they be again admitted to fellowship by baptism.

The following charges were then read viz

"To the High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at Nauvoo.

I prefer the following charges against Albert Clements & wife for unchristian-like conduct in not abiding the decision of the Bishop's Court which they agreed to do, and for family difficulties.

February 4th 1843

Winslow Farr"

Two were to speak on a side viz (9) N. Knight (10) G.W. Harris in the place of Norton (11) Soby and (12) Kingsberry

The charge was decided to be illegal as it did not come as an appeal from the Bishop's Court and was rejected by the Council unanimously

After which, as the difficulties lay between Br Clements and his wife, and not from any hardness &c on the part of Bro Farr, the parties (ie) Clements & wife), agreed to submit all their difficulties to the decision of the High Council and abide their advise, which if they did not do they were to be no longer members of the Church. The case was then investigated at length and it appearing that the grounds of difference between them were that sister Clemets was not willing to abide the advise of her husband ~~in the~~ in some of his views in his temporal concerns &c. The Council decided that it was her duty to be in subjection to her husband according to the scriptures & also gave him some instruction relative to his duty towards his wife. Adjourned till Saturday at 10 o'clock A.M.

Hosea Stout Clerk

Feb 11th 1843

Council met according to adjournment at H Smith's office

W. Marks & C.C. Rich Presiding. Councillors present

1) Peter Hawes pro tem 2) Allred 3) Wilson (Abraham Parmer pro tem 5) Fulmer 6) Eli Norton pro tem 7) Grover 8) Johnson Knight 10) Huntington 11) Soby 12) Charles Snow pro tem.

Prayer by Thomas Grover.

I hereby prefer a charge against Noble Rogers and wife for unchristian- like conduct.

First That Nancy and Joseph Gilbert has stolen both wood and corn of them.

2nd They positively deny ever stating that the said Nancy and Josphe or Mister Gilbert has

stolen any thing from them.

Feb 6th 1843

Nauvoo Truman Gilbert

The parties plead not guilty. one wer appointed to speak on a side Viz Hawes and Allred

The charge a[g]ainst Noble Rogers was not sustained

The charge against his wife was sustained

Decided by the President that the hand of fellowship be withdrawn from her untill she make satisfaction which she did without calling for a vote of the Council or the President's decision

Council adjourned one hour and convened again acording to adjournment.

David Winding took the place of James Allred during the remainder of this session.

The case of Enoch King & wife was again taken up for trial. They were unanimously acquitted by the Council in Council of the whole.

Adjourned till next Saturday at 9 o'clock A.M.

Hosea Stout Clerk

February 18th 1843.

Met according to adjournment at the Lodge Room. H. Smith W. Marks
& C.C. Rich Presiding

Councillors present 1) John Snider pro tem 2) Allred 3) Wilson 4) Cutler 5) Fulmer 6) Harris 7) Grover 8) Johnson 9) Knight 10) Huntington 11) Soby 12) Isaac Higbee pro tem.

Prayer by President H. Smith

Charge against Josiah Ells. Appealed by Ells from the decision of the Elders Quorum at Laharpe branch, Viz.

"LaHarpe January 24th 1843.

Br Josiah Ells.

Sir, the following charges are prefered against you before the Elders Quorum in the Branch of the

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in this place to wit

Charge 1st For killing two hogs in the woods about the 15th of November last ~~not~~ which were not his

Charge 2nd On or about the first January present month that the said Josiah Ells did kill or cause to be killed one of Dr Coulston's hogs without said Coulston's knowledge, and converting it to his own use.

Charge 3rd For lying about a settlement with James Dunn for some oats and calling him an old lying hypocrite.

Charge 4th For taking Br. Griffith's potatoes contrary to the stipulated agreement, to the injury of the said Griffith.

Charge 5th For fraudulently obtaining one hundred and twenty dollars from Br Huddleston.

January 23rd 1843.

Echeene Holden

Danile P Barnes

Cornelius Cox

It was decided by said Quorum that he be disfellowshipped

Two were appointed to speak on a side viz 3) Wilson 4) Culter 5) Fulmer and 6) Harris. The charges were not sustained.

Decided by President Hyrum Smith that he be acquitted which was sanctioned by the Council. Adjourned till to morrow at 9 o'clock A.M. at this place.

Hosea Stout Clerk

February 19th 1843

The Council met according to adjournment at the Lodge Room.
President Joseph & Hyrum Smith William Marks & Charles C. Rich
Presiding.

Councillors present 1) John Snider pro tem 2) Allred 3) Wilson 4) Cutler 5) Fulmer 6) Harris 7) Grover 8) Johnson 9) Knight 10) Huntington 11) Soby 12) Isaac Higbee pro tem.

Prayer by Alpheus Cutler.

The case of Wilson Law and M C. Nickerson was brought up wherein a charge was preferred against Wilson Law by M.C. Nickerson and also a charge against Nickerson by Law.

There being charges preferred by both parties against each other the Council decided that they should go into an investigation of all their difficulties on both sides of the question, both parties to bring up all matters of grievances against each other which was also according to the wish of the parties. M.C. Nickerson to be plaintiff. One were appointed to speak on a side Viz. 7) Grover and 8) Johnson.

There were a great many witnesses on both sides and a very long trial ensued which lasted from 9 o'clock A.M. till midnight. The essential grounds of difficulty was concerning the title to some of the islands in the Mississippi River both parties supposing they had a good right to the same island or a part of an island. The matter was as follows. There had been a decree, in the Court of Chancery in Iowa Territory, to sell the said islands as a part of the "half breed" tract of land and Nickerson put in money with Arthur Morrison, to buy his claim, who was to bid it off for him & make a deed to Nickerson, which he did not do but sold the island to Brs Laws & did not reserve the claim for Nickerson which he had purchased with Nickerson money neither did he let Brs Laws know the situation of Nickerson's Claim. Neither party knew the situation of the others claim and each party supposed the other to be trespassing on his claim. Moreover there was a Law in the Territory of Iowa which guaranteed to each actual settler his claim on certain conditions by which law Nickerson had a good title to his claim.

President Joseph Smith spoke at length on the subject clearly showing the situation of the affair, and what was the true nature of the titles to the islands. That they did not belong to the "Half Breed tract" and also that the Court of Chancery had no right to sell them. That they were refused lands which the government did not see fit to do any thing with consequently were free plunder or belonged to the actual settler &c although, as they were to be sold, it was best that the brethren buy them to avoid any difficulty with those out of the Church, who might buy them &c

As the matter ~~appointed~~ appeared to be, whether Law should give Nickerson a title to his claim according to the money he put in or not (ie) a title from the Court of Chancery such as he had. That taking the situation of the islands into consideration and the nature of their titles he have ~~it~~ as the following decision.

Let Br Laws deed what they feel that they can conscientiously do to Nickerson & let Nickerson say that he will accept it and strike hands in friendship which decision was sanctioned by the Council

Adjd till the 25th inst.

H Stout Clerk

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From the 25th of February 1843 to the

Names of the Members of the High Council of Nauvoo

William Marks President of Council

Austin Cowles President's Councillors

Charles C. Rich

Names of the High Councillors Viz:

Samuel Bent No 1	James Allred No 2
Lewis D. Wilson " 3	Alpheus Cutler " 4
David Fulmer " 5	George W. Harris " 6
Thomas Grover " 7	Aaron Johnson " 8
Newel Knight " 9	William Huntington Sr. " 10
Leonard Soby " 11	Henry G. Sherwood " 12

Hosea Stout Clerk of Council

February 25th 1843

Council met according to adjournment at Law's Store in Nauvoo.

William Marks and Charles C. Rich Presiding

Council Present viz 1) Eli Norton pro tem. 2) Allred 3) Wilson 4) Cutler 5) Fulmer 6) Harris 7) Grover 8) Johnson 9) Knight 10) Huntington 11) David Evans pro tem. 12) Tarlton Lewis pro tem. Prayer by President Rich.

The following case was then taken into consideration which had been appealed from the Court of Bishop Isaac Higbee by W. Edwards to wit:

"The copy of a charge preferred before me, and was acted upon the 12th of February 1843.

We, the Teachers of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, prefer a charge against Sister Parker, the wife of Joseph Parker, and William Edwards, and wife, for refusing to settle a difficulty, that now exists between them

Signed J.W. Huntsman

Dated Feb the 19th 1843

Samuel Eggleston

Then the parties appeared for trial J. W. Huntsman in [torn, probably "indicated"] the particulars of the difficulty said that sister Parker said she saw a pig killed and took into Br Edward's house which circumstance Br and Sister Edwards denied. After hearing the testimony it was my decision that Bo and Sister Edwards be no longer members of the Church

Isaac Higbee"

Decided that one speak on a side to wit: 9) Knight & 10) Huntington. after hearing the evidence it was the Decision of President Marks that the charge was not sustained and that Br. Edwards and wife be acquitted; which was sanctioned by the Council unanimously.

Council adjourned half an hour and convened accordingly

The following case was then taken up which had been appealed from from the Court of Bishop Johnathan H. Hale, by Chandler Holbrook to wit

"Nauvoo City February 10th 1843

To the Bishop of the Ninth Ward, Johnathan H Hale and his Councillors.

Sirs I prefer a charge against Charles Shumway, for not paying the first consideration of a note, or what is now due of a note given January or February 1842; for borrowed money, which was to be paid the Spring following. Given by Charles Shumway, and the note was given up to Charles Shumway and Joseph Holbrook's note was given for the principal & and interest of said note that is given up, under consideration that Charles Shumway should pay the note that J. Holbrook gave, if he received the money first which he agreed to do at that time. And he has received money since but has refused to pay said note.

Chandler Holbrook

This is to certify that the within charge was tried before the Bishop's Court of the 9th ward of the City of Nauvoo and not sustained

February 11th 1843

Voted that one speak on a side to wit 11) David Evans pro tem 12) Tarlton Lewis pro tem.

The Council in committee of the whole decided the charge was not sustained, unanimously.
Council adjourned till next Saturday at or near this place at 10 oclock A.M.

March 4th 1843

Council met according to to adjournment at Law's Store in Nauvoo.

William Marks Presiding.

Council present 1) Bent 2) Allred 3) Wilson 4) Cutler 5) Fulmer 6) Harris 7) Grover 8) Johnson
9) Knight 10) Huntington 11) Soby 12) Eli Norton pro tem.

Prayer by Prest Marks

Thomas Woolsey against Job Green

Charge

"To the High Council of the Church of Latter Day Saints at Nauvoo Fevruary 23rd 1843.

I prefer the following charge against Job Green for unchristian-like conduct.

For this that he made an attemp[t] to go to bed [with] two young females and acted otherwise
very imprudently at the time

Thomas Woolsey

Plead not guilty one was appointed to speak on a side to wit: 1) Bent 2) Allred. After the
evidence was heard there being but one witness which ~~was~~ went to establish the most important
item it was, Decided that the charge was not sustained which was sanctioned by the Council
unanimously.

Coulcil adjourned a few minutes and met accordingly.

Adjourned to the Lodge Room

Edman Durfee against James Durfee

Charge

"To the High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at Nauvoo.

I hereby prefer the following charges against James Durfee to wit:

1st For attemp[t]ing to defraud me out of the land that I now live upon.

2nd For stating that I had used my influence to prejudice the minds of the Church against him.

3 For bringing up old difficulties that had been settled.

4th For treating the authorities of the branch with contempt at Lima. Edman Durfee"

Defendant plead not guilty whereupon two were appointed to speak on a side viz: 3) L.D. Wilson 4) A. Cutler 5) D. Fulmer 6) and G.W. Harris.

President Charles C. Rich took his seat in Council

After the evidence was heard on the part of the prosecution, the Council adjourned untill tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Hosea Stout, Clerk.

March 5th 1843

Council met according to adjournment at the Lodge Room.

Prayer by Newel Knight.

The buisness, before the Council the day before was taken up on the part of the defence.

After which President Rich spoke showing the reasons why James Durfee should make Edman Durfee safe in the title of his lands; and the nature of the difficulty &c.

President Marks then decided that Edman Durfee should make satisfaction, for all things which he had said or done, against James Durfee, which was unchristianlike and that he also make satisfaction, or pay, James Durfee, for his portion of the expence which James Durfee has been at in procuring a title to the land and that James Durfee make or secure a right or title to the land to Edman Durfee, or satisfy him for his improvements on or before the 15th day of April next ~~that~~ or the hand of fellowship must be withdrawn from them also if James Durfee has placed the land beyond his control so that he can not make a title or satisfaction, he must be cut off and that Elder Isaac Morley be appointed to inform the Council whether James Durfee complies with the decision or not within the time specified. The decision was sanctioned by the Council.

Edman Durfee then made satisfaction for all that he had said or done amiss and agreed to abide the decision fo the Council after which Jame sDurfee made satisfactory acknowledgements, and also agreed to abide the decision.

Council adjourned till next Saturday at 9 o'clock A.M.

March the 11th 1843

Council met according to adjournment at Law's Store.

Council all present except T. Grover & H.G. Sherwood

Zebidee Coultrin & Eli Norton was apointed in their place

Prayer by Samuel Bent.

The Beusness before the Council was adjourned till the 19th of this month at 9 o'clock A.M.

Council adjourned till next Saturday at 9 oclock A.M.

March 18th 1943

Council met according to adjournment at the Lodge Room. Prayer by James Allred.

William Marks & C.C. Rich Presiding.

All the Council present. The buisness before the Council was adjourned till tomorrow at 1 oclock P.M. at this place. Council adjourned till tomorrow (19th inst) at this place at 9 o'clock.

Hosea Stout, Clerk.

March 19th 1843

Council met according to adjournment at the Lodge Room.

W. Marks & C.C. Rich Presiding.

All the Council present. Prayer by L.D. Wilson.

A complaint was mad[e] against Ezra Hayes by Daniel Avery for preaching false doctrine and other improper conduct in Ohio, where he thought he was doing much injury.

Council adjourned till 1 oclock and met accordingly.

Daniel Shearer against Peletiah Brown

A number of charges was preferred agai[n]st Br. Brown for teaching false doctrine and for speaking against the character of Br Shearer while he was on a mission.

The charges were mostly acknowledged by Br. Brown except for speaking against Br Shearer to his injury

Two were appointed to speak on a side, Viz: 7) T. Grover 8) A. Johnson 9) N. Knight 10) & W. Huntington.

The charges were not sustained. President Marks Decided that they should strike hands in friendship, and begin anew, and bury all their former difficulties and and hardness, which decision the parties readily complied with before having to call a vote of the council.

Council adjourned till Saturday at 9 o'clock A.M.

H. Stout, Clerk

March 25th 1843

Council met according to adjournment at Prest H. Smith's office.

Prest W. Marks Presiding

Council present viz: 1) Edmand Fisher pro tem. 2) Allred 3) David Evans pro. tem. 4) Cutler 5) Fulmer 6) Harris 7) Grover 8) Johnson 9) Knight 10) Huntington 11) Soby 12) Sherwo[o]d

Lewis D. Wilson against Osmon M. Duel.

Charge

"February the 11th 1843.

To the High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints.

I hereby prefer the following charges against Osmon M. Duel, to wit:

1st For forfeiting his contract with Thomas Grover in Missouri concerning a piece of land.

2nd For forfeiting his contract in Nauvoo in refusing to pay borrowed money, and for refusing to pay for beef and hogs that he bought of T. Grover.

3 For swearing to a lie in a lawsuit between Nathaniel Whiting & T. Grover in not telling the whole truth.

L.D. Wilson"

After some remarks on the nature of the case Br Grover was released from the Council during this trial, at his own request, as being concerned in the trial & Elder Alexander Williams took his seat for the time being.

As there was much matter of difficulty between Br. Duel and Br Grover the Council decided that the whole difficulty be brought up before the Council on both sides that all matter of grievances might be settled between Br Duel and Br Grover and that Br Wilson remain as plaintiff.

Br Duel said as the whole difficulty was to be brought up on both sides that he was not ready for trial.

The trial was then adjourned untill one week from tomorrow (2nd April) at 10 o'clock A.M.

Bro. Wilson & Br. Grover then took their seats in the Council

Br. Bent also took his seat in the Council.

William B. Simmons against Benjamin Hoyt.

Appealed from Bishop Evans' Court of the 11th Ward by Benjamin Hoyt as follows:

"Charge preferred by William B. Simmons, in behalf of the Church against Br. Hoyt.

For accusing certain persons of being witches or wizzaards and endeavoring to cure such as he said was bewitched, by art, and meddleing with those things unlawfully.

March 9th 1843

William B. Simmons

The decision of the court is that Br. Hoyt cease to call certain characters witches or wizzards; and that he cease to work with the rod he calls a divining rod and that he cease to burn a board or boards to heal the sick by art ~~that of heating a board before the fire, to heal the sick by art.~~

March 11th 1843 David Evans Bishop

Defendant plead not guilty two were appointed to speak on the case, to wit, 11) L. Soby 12) H.G. Sherwood

President Hyrum Smith took his seat in Council. After investigation President Hyrum Smith Decided that the Council confirm the decision of the Bishops Court, which was voted by the

Council unanimously.

Council adjourned till next Saturday at 9 o'clock A.M.

Hosea Stout, Clerk

~~April 1st 1843~~

~~Council m~~

April 1st 1843.

Council met according to adjournment at the Ladge Room.

W. Marks & C.C. Rich Presiding:

Council all present. Elder Sherwood was released from the Council and ~~Zebidee Coultrin~~
Graham Coultrin took his place ~~during this trial~~

Prayer by David Fulmer

Isaac Allred against Jordan P. Hendrixson

Charge

"February the 24th 1843

To the High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Nauvoo Illinois. I prefer the
folloiwng charges against Jordan P. Hendrixson

First. that he married a second woman when his first wife was living, from which he was
not released by the laws of God or of man consequently committed adultery.

Second, that he told the second woman before he was married to her and also others that
he had a bill of divorcement from his wife.

Third, For abusing & neglicting her and not admini[s]tering to the wants of the second
woman while she was on her death bead.

Fourth For slandering the character & speaking evil of her since dead.

Isaac Allred."

Defendant plead not guilty; whereupon two were appointed to speak on the case, to wit: 1)
Samuel Bent & 2) James Allred. When the evidence was nearly all heard the Council adjourned

to the Office of H. Smith.

President W. Marks decided that as the ~~matter~~ case now presents itself, it was his feelings to continue him in the Church, that if he did not observe the advice of this Council he would do something else to cut him off before long. (That he did not feel that Br Hendrixson had done what he had wilfully.)

The decision was not sustained by the Council

There was then remarks made by several ~~remark~~ of the Councillors explain[ing] the reasons ~~that~~ why they did not concur with the Presidents decision.

The vote was put whether there was new light elicited sufficient to warrant a new hearing, which was carried by a majority of one that there was.

The Councillors then all spoke on the case, at some length giving their views on the subject.

When on motion it was voted that he be cut off from the church.

Council adjourned till tomorrow at 10 o'clock A.M.

Hosea Stout, Clerk

April 2nd 1843.

Council met according to adjournment at the Lodge Room. W. Marks & C.C Rich Presiding.

Councillors present 1) Bent 2) Allred 3) Zebidee Coultrin pro tem 4) Elias Higbee pro tem 5) Fulmer 6) Harris 7) Peter Haws pro tem. 8) Johnson 9) Knight 10) Huntington 11) Soby 12) Sherwood.

Defendant plead not guilty. two were then appointed to speak on a side, to wit: 3) Coultrin 4) Higbee 5) Fulmer and 6) Harris. After the evidences was given there was much said on both sides of the subject after which President Rich spoke showing the necessity of a reconciliation among all parties agreived that the difficulties might all be settled without a decision of the Council

The parties then agreed to drop all former difficulties & hardness and bury them forever

Council adjourned till Friday the 14th inst. at 9 o'clock

Hosea Stout, Clerk

April 14th 1843.

Council met according to adjournment at A. Mill's Masonic Hall. W. Marks & C.C. Rich presiding.

present 1) Bent 2) Allred 3) Wilson 4) Cutler 5) Fulmer 6) Harris 7) Grover 8) Johnson 9) Numan G. Blogett pro tem 10) Philo Dibble pro tem 11) Zebidee Coultrin pro tem 12) Sherwood.

Prayer by Thomas Grover

Graham Coultrin against Anson Mathews and wife

Charge

"To the High Council in and for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

I hereby prefer a charge against Anson Matthews & Elizabeth Matthews his wfe for unchristian-like conduct

Specification 1st For a failure in refusing to perform according to contract respecting the sale of a piece of land by him sold to me.

Specification 2nd. For tranfering his property in a way to enable him to bid defiance to the result and force of law to compel him to abide the aforesaid contract thereby wronging me out of my just due to the same and for lying &c

Nauvoo March 20th 1843.

Graham Coultrin

1st Defendant (ie) Br Matthews admitted the first Specification and denied the rest

Decided that Br. Matthews be tried seperate from his wife and that one speak on a side, to wit: 7) Grover and 8) Johnson

After the evidence was heard the Council adjd one hour and met accordingly. Charge was sustained in substance

Decided by President Marks that Br. Matthews use his utmost endeavors to make Br Coultrin a title to the land according to the Bond, that if he (Mathews) can not make a title he must make satisfaction to Br Coultrin for the damage which he will sustain in the fa[i]lure also that Matthews make an endorsement on the Bond which Coultrin holds against him of satisfaction for the payment thereof and give up the notes he holds against Coultrin (which has been paid) and that when Coultrin gets a deed he shall pay Matthews ten (10) dollars and that if Br Matthews

does not comply with the above decision that he be disfellowshipped.

Br Mathews gave up the notes & endorsed the ~~Bond~~ Bond & as aforesaid and agreed to abide the decision.

Adjourned till 2 weeks (28 inst) from to day at 9 oclock A.M.

Hosea Stout Clerk

April 28th 1843

Council met according to adjournment at J Smith's Store up stairs. Marks & Rich presiding

Present 1) Bent 2) Allred 3) Wilson 4) Fulmer 5) Cutler 6) Harris 7) Grover 8) Sidney Roberts pro tem Johnson being released 9) Danl Shearer pro tem. 10) Huntington 11) Soby 12) Lorenzo Snow pro tem

Prayer by Br Aaron Johnson

H.G. Sherwood against Peter Forey.

Charge

"To the High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at Nauvoo Illinois April 12th 1843.

I hereby prefer a charge against Peter Forey as follows,

1st For refusing the reasonable remuneration to my wife my daughter Jane, and family that justice and gratitude require for the labor and attendance on him and his daughter when sick and living in my house AD 1841.

2nd Also for seeming to smuggle and secrete his property appearantly to evade a visible means in him to spy any or all the just due as aforesaid.

3rd Also for ungenerous and ungrateful, sarcastic and slanderous epithets by him made respecting my family.

H.G. Sherwood.

The defendant plead that as his witnesses were not here he was not ready for trial whereupon the trial was adjourned untill the 12th of May next at 9 oclock.

Council then adjourned untill the same time.

Hosea Stout Clerk

May 12th 1843

Council met according to adjournment and adjourned till the 19th instant at 9 oclock A.M.

Hosea Stout Clerk

May 19th 1843

Council met according to adjournment at Prest Marks house and adjourned till the 27th instant at 9'clock A.M.

Hosea Stout Clerk

May 20 Council met by appointment a trial was had between *** Stoker & ***** the minutes was mislaid

May 27th 1843

Council met according to adjt at H Smith's office. The case between Sherwood & Forey was adjd till next Saturday at 1 o'clock

H Stout Clerk

June the 1st 1843

Council met a H Smith's office according to adj appointment.

Prayer by Huntington. Jessee Hichcock appeared before the Council and desired to know if there was any way that he could make satisfaction and be restored to the Church. Which, for the want

of the proper testimony his case was adjd untill it could [be] procured.

H Stout Clerk

June 2nd 1843.

Council met at H. Smith's office according to adjt. W. Marks Presiding. Present 1) Bent 2) Allred 3) Asa Smith pro tem. 4) Cutler 5) Fulmer 6) Harris 7) Grover 8) Alburn Allen pro. tem. 9) Knight 10) Huntington 11) Soby 12) Bushrod W. Wilson pro tem.

Prayer by Leonard Soby. The case between Sherwood and Forey was taken up.

Two were appointed to speak on a side, to wit: 11) Soby, 12) B.W. Wilson pro tem. 1) Bent and 2) Allred. The charge was sustained

President Marks decided that the hand of fellowship be withdrawn from the defendant, which was voted unanimously by the Council. Adjd till two weeks from to day at one o'clock P.M.

H Stout Ck

June 17th 1843. Council met at H Smith's office according to adjt.

Prayer by President Marks

The case of Jesse Hichcock was taken up and after an investigation of the case it was decided that, as the matter now presented itself, he could not be restored to fellowship and that the Clerk inform him of the decision of the Council, by letter. Adjd 2 weeks

H. Stout, Clk

July 1st 1843

Council met at Nauvoo Siminary and adjd till 8th inst at 2 o'clock P.M.

H. Stout Ck

July 8th 1843

Council met according to adjt and adjd till next Saturday the 15th inst at 2 o'clock H Stout

July 15th 1843

Council met according to adjt at the Nauvoo Simenary. Prest Marks Presiding

Prayer by Prest A. Cowles. Adjd till next Saturday the 22nd inst at 2 o'clock P.M. H Stout Clerk.

July 22nd 1843

Council met according to adjt at the Nauvoo Siminary William Marks Presiding.

Present 1) Bent 2) Allred 3) Joshua Smith pro tem. 4) Tarlton Lewis pro tem. 5) Fulmer 6) Harris 7) Grover 8) ~~George W. Crouse pro tem.~~ 8) Johnson 9) George W. Crouse pro tem. 10) Huntington 11) Soby 12) Erastus Derby.

Israel Bowen against Elizabeth Rowe.

Charge.

Nauvoo July the 15th 1843

"To the High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ.

I hereby prefer a charge against Elizabeth Rowe, For unchristain-like conduct having been caught in bed with a man not her husband at two different times.

Israel Bowen."

Defendant plead not guilty. Two were appointed to speak on a side. to wit: 3) Smith 4) Lewis 5) Fulmer 6) Harris

The charge was sustained. President Marks decided, That the hand of fellowship be withdrawn from her, which was unanimously sanctioned by the Council.

Adjd till next Saturday the 29th at 2 o'clock P.M.

Hosea Stout Clerk

July 29th 1843.

Council met according to adjt at H Smith's office. W. Marks & A Cowles Presiding.

Present 1) Bent 2) Allred 3) Wilson 4) Cutler 5) Fulmer 6) Harris 7) Grover 8) Johnson 9) Robert Stone pro tem. Prayer by Allred.

Case of Betsy Dean.

"North Caanan May 23rd 1843 Connecticut

To the honorable High Council at Nauvoo.

The undersigned desires to state that she was not notified of the withdrawing of the hand of fellowship from her, by the Saints in North Caanan and likewise that she was cut from the Church without her knowledge or recieving any notification of such a proceeding from Elder Gibson Smith Presiding Elder of this branch, which took place full two years since, and would likewise state, she was not aware but what she was in the kingdom of God untill this day.

For particulars would refer you to Elders Woodruff, J.H. Hale & J.H. Holmes, who would give you every information relative to her case, and likewise to Elder B.S. Wilber President of the Conference held this day at the house of Brother Francis Benedick

Betsy Dean"

Witness James G. Willie

Clerk of Meeting.

It was decided that she be reinstated in the Church and that she be notified by letter of the same and that David Fulmer & Hosea Stout be appointed to write to her and also that they inform the Branch at North Canaan that they are advised by the High Council to move to Nauvoo, if they wish to save themselves.

Addison Pratt by E H Derby his Agent against Buckly Anderson.

Appealed from Bishop Isaac Higbees Court

appealed by Buckly Anderson, to wit,

"May the 14th 1843

A charge was preferred before me against Buckley Anderson by Addison Pratt for unchristian-like conduct in depriving him of his rights.

May the 17th the parties met for trial and the charge sustained and decided that Buckley Anderson give possession of a lot which Addison Pratt claimed or be disfellowshipped.

Isaac Higbee, Bishop"

One was appointed to speak on a side, Viz: 7) Grover and 8) Johnson.

Decided by Prest Marks that the Council sustain the decision of the Bishop's Court which was unanimously sanctioned by the Council

Adjourned till next Saturday the 5th of August at 2 o'clock P.M. Closed in prayer by Prest Cowles.

Hosea Stout Clerk

August 5th 1843

Council met according to adjournment at Hiram's office No business before the Council.

Adjd till next Saturday the 12th at 2 o'clock P.M.

Hosea Stout Clerk.

August 12th 1843

Council met according to adjt at H. Smith's office No business before the Council. Teaching by Prest Hiram Smith & William Marks.

Adjd till next Saturday at 2 o'clock P.M.

Hosea Stout, Clerk

August 19th 1843.

Council met according to adjt at Hiram's office. W. Marks & Cowles Presiding.

Present 1) Bent 2) ~~Allred~~ 3) ~~Wilson~~ 4) ~~Cutler~~ 5) ~~Fulmer~~ 6) ~~Harris~~ 7) ~~Grover~~ 8) 2) Daniel S. Miles pro tem 3) Wilson 4) Andrew Lumeraux 5) Fulmer 6) Harris 7) Grover 8) Johnson 9) Knight 10) Huntington 11) Soby 12) Robt Stone. Prayer by G.W. Harris

Samuel T. Winegar against James Rollins.

Charge

"August 12th 1843.

To the High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

I hereby prefer a charge against James Rollins for taking my wheat which grew on the land which he sold to Br Elisha Turner

Samuel T Winegar"

defendant plead not guilty. Two were appointed to speak on a side, Viz: 9) Knight, 10) Huntington 11) Soby and 12) Robt Stone. The defendant objected to Andrew Lumeraux sitting on the Council on the ground that he had given his ~~opinion~~ judgement against him previously after which Robt Stone took the place of A. Lumeraux and Hosea Stout took the place of R. Stone. The charge was sustained decided by President Marks that the defendant pay the plaintiff the amount of wheat taken which appeared to be about five or six bushels, in a reasonable time say two months, or be disfellowshipped, which was unanimously sanctioned by the Council. Adj'd till next Saturday the 26th at 2 o'clock P.M.

Hosea Stout, Clerk

August 26th 1843

Council met according to adjt. No buisness before the Council. Adj'd till next friday the 1st of Sept at 10 o'clock A M.

H. Stout, Clerk.

Sept 1st 1843.

Council met according to adjt at the Stand near the Temple. W. Marks Presiding.

Councillors present. 1) Bent 2) Huntington in the place of Allred, who was sick 3) Wilson 4) Cutler 5) Fulmer 6) Harris 7) Grover 8) Johnson 9) Knight 10) Duncan McArthur pro. tem 11) Soby 12) Sherwood. Prayer by David Fulmer.

~~On motion of Thos Grover there were appointed to speak on a side viz Bent 2) Huntington 3) Wilson 4) Cutler 5) Fulmer 6) Harris~~

The following charges were then preferred to wit.

"To the Honorable High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

A Cowles against George J. Adams prefers the following charges, to wit:

In general,

For unchristian conduct.

Specific Charges.

1st For adultery.

2nd For Breach of covenant

3rd For lying

4th For slandering.

5th For putting the stumbling block of his iniquity before his face and raising an image of jealousy and causing people to worship it"

Br Cowles explained the nature of the charges &c.

Defendant plead not guilty and read a document from the first Presidency and objected to any thing being brought up previous to the date thereof.

Decided by the Council that nothing should be brought against Br Adams previous to the 5th of June (the date of the aforesaid document as all things previous thereto had been settled before the First Presidency and the Twelve).

On motion of Thos Grover three were appointed to speak on a side to wit: 1) Bent 2) Huntington 3) Wilson 4) Cutler 5) Fulmer 6) Harris

After some witnesses had been called the Council adjourned one hour and met according to adjt
The charge was not sustained. Decided by the President that the hand of fellowship be still
extended to Br Adams. Adj'd till next Thursday the 7th at 2 o'clock P.M.

Hosea Stout, Clerk

Sept 7th 1843

Council met according to adjt at Prest Marks house. W. Marks & A
Cowles presiding all the Councilors present.

On motion of President Marks Resolved that a committee of three be appointed to draft a piece to
be published in the "Times & Seasons" stating that Br George J. Adams has been brought before
the High Council and that he had been honorably acquitted and Hosea Stout, Samuel Bent and
H. G. Sherwood be that committee.

The committee then withdrew a short time and made the following report which was accepted.

"To whom it may concern

This is to certify that Elder George J. Adams has been honorably acquitted by the High Council in
Nauvoo, from all charges heretofore preferred against him from any and all sources; and is hereby
recommended as a faithful laborer in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and a
servant of the Lord that is entitled to the gratitude, confidence, liberality and clemency of the
Saints and honorably men in all the world."

Adj'd till next Thursday the 14th at 2 o'clock P.M.

Hosea Stout Clerk

Sept 14th 1843

Council met according to adjt at President Marks' house

Resolved that the clerk be authorized to deliver the book, [The Far West Record] containing the
records of the High Council &c in Missouri, to Elder Willard Richards, for his use, for the time
being, while he is writing the history of the Church. Adj'd till next Saturday the 23rd inst at 2
o'clock P.M.

Hosea Stout, Clerk

Sept 23rd 1843

Council met according to adjt at Hyrum Smith's office. President Austin Cowles resigned his seat in the Council as Councillor to President Marks which was accepted by the Council

Adjd till next Friday the 29th at 2 o'clock P.M.

Hosea Stout, Clerk

Sept 29th 1843

Council met according to adjt at the house of President W. Marks. No buisness. Adjd till Saturday the 14th of Oct. at 2 o'clock P.M.

H. Stout Clerk

October 14th 1843

Council met according to adjt at President Hyrum's office all present except Bent & Sherwood

[illegible] the Council on the 3rd of Sept 1842, on an appeal from Bishop Miller's Court, and has since been rebaptized by the consent of President Marks appeared before the Council and wished to be ordained which was on motion decided that he be ordained to the office of an Elder. which was done under the hands of Councillors David Fulmer & Leonard Soby. Council adjd till two weeks from to day the 28th of Oct.

Hosea Stout Clerk

October 28th 1843.

Council met according to adjt at H. Smith's office. W. Marks & C.C.

Rich presiding

Present, 1) Bent, 2) Allred, 3) D.B. Huntington pro tem 4) Jos N. Cole pro tem 5) Fulmer 6) Harris 7) Grover 8) Johnson 9) Knight 10) Huntington 11) Soby 12) Sherwood. Prayer by David Fulmer

Bushrod W. Wilson against Linsay A Brady.

Charge.

"Oct the 23rd 1843

To the President of the High Council of the City of Nauvoo. I do hereby prefer a charge ag[a]inst Linzy A Brady for refusing to mak[e] deeds for certain Lots of Land between himself and myself and Betsy Foot When the money was tendered in full of all dues on said land.

Bushrod W. Wilson"

The defendant pl[e]ad that the conditions of the bond for said deeds were not complied with. decided that one speak on a side; viz, 7) Grover and 8) Johnson.

Decided by the Presidents that the defendant give the deeds claimed according to the bond for the same when all the mon[e]y is paid which is his due, which decision was unanimously sanctioned by the council. after which the parties agreed to abide the decision. Adjd till next Saturday the 4th of November.

Hosea Stout Clerk

November 4th 1843

Council met according to adjt at J. Smith's store. W. Marks & C.C. Rich Presiding

Present 1) Bent 2) Allred 3) Samuel Williams pro tem. ~~4) Fulmer 5) Cut~~ 4) Cutler 5) Fulmer 6) Harris 7) Joseph M. Cole protem. 8) Johnson 9) Knight 10) Huntington 11) Soby 12) Sherwood.

Prayer by Aaron Johnson.

Alfonzo Young against John Workman.

Charge

"To William Marks President of the High Council.

I prefer a charge against John Workman for ill treatment, for refusing to pay me what he owed me, when he had the money and could have done so; and I had informed him of the destitute situation of my sick family.

I also charge him with making false statements to my injury.

October 20th 1843.

A. Young

Defendant plead not guilty. Two were then appointed to speak on the case, Viz. 9) Knight and 10) Huntington.

After the trial was partly investigated the parties agreed to leave their difficulty to Presidents Marks and Rich and abide their advice. Adj'd till next Saturday the 11th at 2 o'clock P.M.

Hosea Stout Clerk.

Nov 11th 1843 Council met according to adj't at Pres[i]dent J Smith's Store. W. Marks & C.C. Rich presiding. Br Benjamin Vickery was recommended, by Councillor Soby, to the Council to be ordained to the office of an Elder. Decided that he be ordained which was done under the hands of Councillors Soby and Sherwood. Council adj'd till next Saturday the 18th inst at 2 O'clock P.M.

Hosea Stout Clerk.

Nov. 18th, 1843

[Original minutes dated November 17, 1843, reveal many details deleted] Council met according to adj't at Joseph Smith's Store up stairs. Prayer by Grover.

Marks and Rich Presiding. Present 1) Samuel Williams pro. tem. 2) James Allred 3) Daniel Carns pro. tem. 4) Cutler 5) Fulmer 6) Harris 7) Grover 8) Johnson 9) Knight 10) Huntington 11) Soby 12) Sherwood.

Mahala Overton against James Carroll.

Charge

For neglecting or refusing to do [a] certain portion of work on a house for her, for which she has paid you for some three years ago.

Two were appointed to apeak on the case Viz 11) Soby 12) Sherwood

November 17 1843

The High Council Met this 17th day of Nov. 1843 agreeably to
adjournement Council opened with prayer by Brother Grover

Present President William Marks and President Charles C. Rich

Brothers Saml Williams pro tem	Allread
Danl Carns	Cutler
Fullmore	Harris
Grover	Johnson
Knight	Huntington
Soby	Sherwood

Appeared Sister Mahala Overton

vs

James Carroll

Brother Soby was appointed Council for Complainant and brother Sherwood appointed Council
for Defendant.

The parties mutually agreed to leave their difference to appraisers to say what the defendant
should pay to the plaintiff

Brothers Soby and Sherwood were appointed said appraisers

The Defendant proposed to pay said appraisalment in provisions such as he shall receive for his
labour; to which the complainant agreed.

The president then called up the case of Quartes S. Sparks, against whom a charge had been
prefered by Sidney Robberts,

The parties being ready the Council proceeded to trial by appointing Brother Williams and Carn
speakers for the complainant and Brothers Allread and Cutler speakers for Defendant.

Mary Abor the subject of the complaint with a child in her arms testified that the said Sparks is
the father of said child and that it was got by seduction and force that she resisted him until 3
o'clock at night when he got the advantage and acomplished his purpose

Brother Devene testified that at conference held in the East said Sparks stated in his presence that he would not be tried at that conference but would either marry Mary Abor or be tried at Nauvoo.

Sister Roebanks stated that Mary Abor was neglected or appeared to be neglected by said Sparks, on her passage from New York to Nauvoo.

Brother Norris stated that he was acquainted with Mary Abor and had been from her infancy and that she had always born a good character from her infancy to the present time and that he had never known or heard any thing against her character until this fault

Brother Divine stated that he was acquainted with said Mary in the city of New York and that she bore a good character.

Brother Wandall stated that there were enough of good victuals to eat which Mary might have had if she had come to me or my wife or brother Sparks and asked for the key which unlocked the chest in which the provisions were locked

he Wandle felt hurt and angry at Mary and a great sympathy for Sparks, on account of the sympathy which the passengers had for Mary in consequence of her talking and the many questions that was asked her by the passengers, that he could not tell whether her talking was not caused by leading questions from passengers or not

Sister Wandall stated in substance the same as her husband that she believed Spark[s] showed a willingness to provide necessaries for and make her (Mary Aber) comfortable on this passage

Sister Robanks stated that when she first came in company with Mary Aber on this passage she felt much prejudiced against her in consequence of iniquity and that she kept from her and slighted her until she saw her weeping and that repeatedly her sympathy was awakened in her favor she afterwards conversed some with her, do not recollect all that was said and has tried to forget what was said. She believed her to have been weeping in consequence of her want of food; believes her to have been neglected by Sparks, that Mary Abers conduct was christianlike on the passage.

Quartus S. Sparks, stated that he did not neglect her (Mary) on the passage, that he did tell her when arriving at Nauvoo that she must now shirk for herself, that he had done all by bringing her up to Nauvoo that was required of him by God or man.

A letter was introduced and read as testimony written by Josiah L De Forrest which is hereunto attached See letter Signed Josiah L. De Forrest.

Also a letter introduced and read as testimony written by Susan Gourman which is also attached; See letter Signed Susan Gourman

Mary Aber stated that the crime was committed in a house where the family were unbelievers that in consequence she did not cry out, for the sake of the church he being a Mormon Elder

knowing they would report the same against the Elders of the church, that for the sake of the reproach it would bring upon the church she went to Brooklin and hid herself up there until the child was born and remained so five weeks after, before it was known to any one of the church and that she left for Nauvoo unbeknown to her parents and friends, that when she was about landing at Nauvoo he (Sparks) said she must now shirk for herself, that she was at the house of Mr Thomas, and had gone to bed when Sparks came to the house and came to her bed and persisted in his attempt[s] until 3 o'clock, she had got up when he got the advantage of her and threw her on the bed and succeeded in accomplishing his purposes.

Sparks. Stated that he had gone to bed when Mary Aber came into his room and sat down after a while he got up and went and sat down by her and put his arm around her neck and took other liberties with her they then arose and walked across the floor once or twice and then he threw her on the bed and then went out of the room to avoid her; and give her a chance to go away, but when he returned he found her stil[l] laying on the bed when he could no longer resist, but had intercourse with her once and once only, that he did not seduce her but she seduced him

It was a unanimous vote by the High Council that the hand [of fellowship be withdrawn from Sparks. Minutes end here]

The parties mutually agreed to leave their ~~difficulty~~ difference to appraisers to say what the defendant should pay to the pla[i]ntiff. Brothers Soby and Sherwood were appointed said appraisers. The defendant proposed to pay said appraisalment in provisions such as he shall receive for his labor, to which the complainant agreed to.

Sidney Roberts against Quartus S. Sparks.

Charge

"To the High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ.

Brethren I hereby prefer a charge against Quartus S. Saprks for seducing and getting a Sister with child by the name of Mary Aber and other unchristian like conduct unto said Mary And will not give her satisfaction thereunto for said offence. Dated at Nauvoo

Oct 25th 1843.
Sidney Roberts"

Four were appointed to speak on the case Viz 1) Samuel Williams pro tem. 2) Allred 3) Daniel Carns pro. tem. 4)and Cutler

The charge of Seduction and adultery being fully sustained against Quartus S. Saprks, it was unanimously voted that the hand of fellowship be withdrawn from the Said Quartus S. Sparks.

Joseph M. Cole Clerk pro tem.

Nov. 25th 1843

Council met according to adjt in the upper room of J. Smith's Store.

Prayer by Br Huntington. W. Marks & C.C. Rich Presiding. Council all present.

Francis Fox against Thomas Richardson.

Charge.

"To William Marks President of the High Council, in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

I, Francis Fox, do prefer a charge against Elder Thomas Richardson, to wit:

1st For demanding my licence unlawfully.

2nd For also demanding and taking the licence of other Brethren in a clandestine manner &c &c in Chicago Cook County Ill. in the month of February 1842.

City of Nauvoo Nov 15th 1843

Francis Fox, Elder.

One were appointed to speak on a side Viz 5) Fulmer and 6) Harris. The matter of difficulty appeared to be in relation to the manner of organizing a branch of the Church in Chicago, and some ordinations which took place. Decided by the President that the ordinations were legal and that Elder Richardson had no right to demand their licence which was unanimously sanctioned by the Council.

The case of Elisha Hoops was next brought up on the complaint by letter from Pike Co. Ill. for getting drunk and using bad language which thing he confessed, and asked forgiveness but thought that he did not use bad language. President Marks give him some instructions which he accepted. he was continued in the Church.

Joseph Smith against Harrison Sagars.

"Nauvoo City November 21st 1843.

Brother Marks

Dear Sir I hereby prefer the following charges against Elder Harrison Sagars, namely:

1st For trying to seduce a young girl, living at his house by the name of Phebe Madison.

2nd For using my name in a blasphemous manner, by saying that I tolerated such things in which thing he is guilty of lying &c. &c.

Joseph Smith"

The defendant plead not guilty. One were appointed to speak on a side, Viz: 7) Grover and 8) Johnson.

The charge was not sustained, but it appeared that he had taught false doctrine which was corrected by President Joseph Smith, and the doctrine which was corrected by President Joseph Smith, and the defendant was continued in the church. Council adjd till Saturday the 9th of Dec. next at 2 O'clock P.M.

Hosea Stout Clerk

Dec. 9th 1843

Council met according to adjournment at the house of President Marks.
Pres[id]ents William Marks and Charles C Rich Presiding

1) Bent 2) Allred 3) Wilson 4) Jacob Syffertt pro tem. 5) Fulmer 6) Harris 7) Abram O. Smoot pro tem. 8) Johnson 9) Knight 10) Hugh Herrenshaw pro tem. 11) Soby 12) Joseph M. Cole pro tem.

Albert Gregory against Charles Wandall.

1st Unchristian-like conduct towards certain colored brethren, by leaving them at Cleaveland in Ohio, after having engaged to conduct them to Nauvoo.

2nd A violation of his word in not using his endeavors to deliver their effects at Nauvoo according to promise

Two were appointed to speak on the case, to wit: (9 Knight and 10) Herrenshaw. The charges were not sustained.

Decided that he be honorably acquitted. Adjourned till Saturday the 16th at 2 O'clock P.M.

Joseph M. Cole Clerk pro tem.

Dec 16th 1843

Council met according to adjt at the upper room of Joseph Smith Store.

There being no buisness before the Council it adjd till Saturday the 23rd at two O'clock P.M.

Joseph M. Cole Clk pro tem.

Dec 23rd 1843

Council met according to adjt at the residence of President Marks. No buisness before the Council, adjourned till next Saturday the 30th at 2 o'clock P.M.

Hosea Stout Clerk

Dec 30th 1843 Council met according to adjournment at the residence of President Marks. Present William Marks, Prest 1) Bent 2) Allred 3) Wilson 4) Joseph Mount pro tem. 5) Fulmer 6) Harris 7) Grover 8) Johnson 9) Sidney Roberts pro tem 10) Huntington 11) Soby 12) Howard Corey pro tem. Prayer by Howard Corey.

The case of William Gribble against Jonah R. Ball was then taken up; which was adjourned till next Saturday.

The case of Sidney A Knowlton against Benjamin Willis was next taken up, which adjourned till next Saturday.

An appealed case was next taken which was appealed from the Bishop of the Sixth ward, to wit:

"Nauvoo Dec 20th 1843

A trial took place before me, on the 8th day of Sept. 1843 between Isaac Higbee plaintiff and Amos Lour Defendant the charges were sustained by Isaac Higbee and the hand of fellowship withdrawn from Amos Lour, untill he will pay five dollars and twelve and a half cents to the said plaintiff in ten days

Daniel Carns, Bp. 6[th] W[ard]

Nauvoo

~~One were appointed to speak on a side, viz; 11) Soby and 12) Howard Corey pro tem.~~
The charge

Charge.

I prefer a charge against Amos Lour for refusing to pay a just debt

Sept. 8th 1843

Isaac Higbee

One were appointed to speak on a side, viz: 11) Soby and 12) Corey. The charge was sustained. Decided the the defendant pay the plaintiff five dollars or be disfellowshipped Adjourned till next Saturday the sixth inst at one o'clock P.M.

Howard Corey Clerk pro tem.

January 6th 1844. Council met according to adjourn at the residence of President Marks. Present Marks & Rich Presiding 1) Bent 2) Allred 3) Wilson 4) Cutler 5) Fulmer 6) Harris 7) Grover 8) Johnson 9) 8) Samuel William[s]pro tem. 9) Knight 10) Huntington 11) Soby 12) Sherwood. Prayer by Leonard Soby.

Sidney A Knowlton against Benjamin Willis

Charge.

"To the Honorable High Council of Nauvoo.

I prefer the following charges against Benjamin Williss, viz:

First for neglecting or refusing to comply with his contract with me in a farm which I rented for him, and left it on my hands late in the season by which I sustained considerable damage.

Second For coming to Nauvoo with my team to move him to my ~~house~~ place according to his request, he having previously sent for me, and then being disappointed by his refusing to move, damage to me being greater as it was in the time of planting.

Third, for suing me at law without giving me any notice of so doing.

Nauvoo City Dec 23rd 1843

S.A. Knowlton"

Defendant plead not guilty. Two were appointed to speak on the case, viz: 1) Bent and 2) Allred.

On motion George Snider took the place of Thomas Grover during the above trial

The charge was sustained. The parties then agreed to leave the matter to refferees to say how much the plaintiff had been damaged.

Adjourned till next Saturday week at one o'clock P.M. (the 20th)

Hosea Stout Clk.

January 20th 1844.

Council met according to adjt at the residence of President Marks

No buisness before the council. Adjourned till next Saturday (the 27th) at one o'clock P.M.

Hosea Stout Clerk

~~January 27th 1844~~

~~Council~~

January 27th 1844

Council met according to adjournment at the residence of of President William Marks. No buisness before the council. Adjourned till next Saturday (the 3rd of Feb.) at one o'clock P.M.

Hosea Stout Clerk.

the "Times and Seasons" Adjourned till next Saturday week (the 17th inst) at one o'clock P.M. at the same place.

Hosea Stout Clerk

February the 17th 1844.

High Council met according to adjournment at the residence of President William Marks. William Marks and Charles C. Rich Presiding.

Councillors present. 1) S. Bent 2) J. Allred 3) L.D. Wilson 4) A. Cutler 5) D. Fulmer 6) George

W. Harris 7) Thos Grover 8) Richard D Sprangue pro. tem. 9) Joseph M. Cole pro tem 10) W. Huntington 11) L Soby & 12) H.G. Sherwood. Prayer by Prest Charles C. Rich.

~~President Marks then informed the Council that a difficulty had been~~ A difficulty from the members of the Highland branch was laid before the Council by president Marks and after some remarks by the Council it was laid over and Councillors Samuel Bent and Alpheus Cutler were appointed to go and visit said branch and settle the difficulty and make such organizations as they might consider best calculated for the good of the branch.

James Newberry against Warren Smith

Charge.

"Nauvoo February 3rd 1844.

To the High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ

I hereby prefer a charge against Warren Smith for unchristian like conduct.

1st In exacting more of me than is his just due.

2nd For breaking his promise by with-holding from me a deed of a certain price or lot of land which I have paid him for according to agreement.

James Newberry

Councillor Bent observed that he thought that this difficulty could be settled without bringing it before the Council; upon which by consent of parties it was left to Councillors Saml Bent and Alpheus Cutler to settle it and after a short absence they returned and reported that they had settled the matter to the satisfaction of the parties.

Henry G. Sherwood added to the committee

The case of Orlando D. Hovey against Levi Nickerson was next brought up and the defendant not being present it was adjourned till next meeting of the Council and Councillor Thomas Grover was appointed to *** and effect a settlement between the parties before that time.

Adjourned till two weeks from to day at one o'clock P.M. (the 2nd of March)

Hosea Stout Clerk.

March the 2nd 1844

High Council met according to adjournment at the ~~residence~~ upper room

of President ~~Marks~~ Joseph Smith's store.

Prayer by James Allred. W. Marks & C.C. Rich Presiding. Councillors Present. 1) Bent 2) Allred 3) Wilson 4) Cutler 5) Fulmer 6) Harris 7) Grover 8) absent 9) Kinght 10) Huntington 11) Soby 12) Sherwood.

Councillors Alpheus Cutler and Samuel Bent made a report of their proceeding with the Highland Branch ac[c]ording to ~~their~~ their appointment on the 17th of February last, as follows:

"Wednesday February 21st 1844,

11 o'clock A M.

A conference of the Highland Branch met at the school House. After hearing a discourse from Samuel Bent and Alpheus Cutler, upon family union and brotherly love, the members of said branch unanimously covenanted to bury all former difficulties, and reorganize said branch. Moved and carried unanimously that Benjamin Gardner should be president, and Ally D. Boren Clerk.

Conference adjourned at 3 o'clock P.M." which report was accepted by the Council.

The case of O.D. Hovey against L. Nickerson was adjourned till next Saturday at one o'clock P.M.

An appealed case was then brought forward from the the Bishop's Court of the 9th Ward as follows:

"Nauvoo January 24th 1844

A true copy of a charge prefered by James Brinkerhoff against James Pace

To the Bishop and his council of the ninth ward.

I hereby prefer the following charge against James Pace for recommending a horse sold me different from what

The committee appointed on the 3rd inst reported to which ~~were~~ there was some amendmets propose[d] by the Council, and the Committee give to the next meeting to report again and he was and thereby decieved me.

Nauvoo February 3rd 1844.

James Brinkerhoff.

The above charge was tried before the said Bishop and Council and the charge not sustained.

Jonathan H. Hale Bishop
of the 9th Ward."

Which was adjourned till next Saturday at one clock P.M. and that the parties were to leave the matter to two disinterested men who were to try and settle their difficulty previous to that time.

The Committee appointed on the 3rd Feb. reported again which was accepted with one amendment.

Adjourned till next Saturday at one o'clock P.M.

Hosea Stout Clerk

March 9th 1844

High Council met according to adjournment at the residence of President William Marks.

Councillor W. Huntington informed the Council that the difficulty between James Brinkerhoff and James Pace, as presented last meeting of the Council was settled.

The rest of the buisness before the Council was laid over. Adjourned till ~~next~~ Saturday the 23rd day of March

Hosea Stout Clerk.

March 23rd 1844

High Council met according to adjournment at the residence of Prest W. Marks. No buisness. Adjourned till next Saturday the 30th at 1 o'clock P.M.

Hosea Stout Clerk

March 30th 1844

High Council met according to adjt at the residence of President Marks. No buisness. Adjd till saturday the 20th day of April next.

Hosea Stout Clerk.

April 13th 1844.

High Council met according to previous notice at the residence of President Marks. Prayer by Councillor Samuel Bent. Presidents W. Marks & C.C. Rich Presiding.

Councillors present 1) Bent 2) Allred 3) L.D. Wilson 4) Cutler 5) Fulmer 6) Harris 7) J.G. Devine pro. tem. 8) Johnson 9) Knight [illegible]

George Harris [Morris] against Jacob Shoemaker

Charge

"To the High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ.

I prefer the following charges against Jacob Shoemaker.

1st For borrowing my axe and breaking it and not making it good again.

2nd For laying violent hands on me in my own house, and using harsh and abusive language in threatning to whip me, and charging me with stealing my axe from his shop.

Nauvoo City April 11th 1844.

George Morris."

The Defendant plead not guilty whereupon one were appointed to speak on a side to wit 3) L.D. Wilson on the part of the plaintiff and 4) A. Cutler on the part of the defendant.

The Council then adjourned to the upper room of Joseph Smith's brick Store. The charge was sustained. Decided by President Marks that the hand of fellowship be withdrawn from the defendant untill he make good the damages done the plaintiff by breaking his axe and also make satisfaction for abusing him. The Council adjourned a few moments & met according to adjournment. Isaac Higbee took the place of of William Huntington who was absent.

Lucinda Sagars against Harrison Sagars.

Charge.

"To the Presidency and the Twelve.

Inasmuch as you have declared officially that you will deal with all persons who teach or have taught the abominable doctrine of Spiritual wives. This is to notify you that Harrison Sagars is guilty of ~~that~~ said sin, which thing can be proven by credible witnessess, and if he is not chastised for it by the church the law of the land will be enforced against him.

H. Sagars left his family in December last since such time he has not provided for them in any way what ever. The cause of the innocent demand[s] action immediately and you are the ones to take the matter in hand.

Lucinda Sagars."

"Brother Harrison Sagars.

Dear Sir as this complaint has been handed over to the High Council, by the First Presidency to act upon. You are requested to appear before said Council on Saturday the 13th inst. at my house at 2 o'clock P.M. to answer the ~~within~~ above charges.

Nauvoo City April 10th 1844.

William Marks, President

of said Council."

Defendant plead not guilty. Two were appointed to speak on a side to wit 5) D. Fulmer 7) J.G. Devine on the part of the plaintiff and 6) G. W Harris and 8) A Johnson on the part of the defendant.

Decided that as the first part of the charge had been brought before the Council before (on the 25th of Nov 1843 See Page 21) and he tried on it; that the Council had no wright to deal with him on that item. And that the Second part was not sustained and therefore that he should remain in the Church.

Adjourned till the 27th inst. at One o'clock P. M.

Hosea Stout Clerk.

April 27th 1844 High Council met according to adjournment at the residence of President Marks. No buisness. Adjourned till the 4th day of May Proximo at one o'clock P.M.

Hosea Stout Clerk.

May 4th 1844. High Council met according to adjournment in the upper room of Jos Smith's Brick Store. Councillor Samuel Bent informed the Council that as he was going to be absent on a mission for some time that he had chosen Brother Shadrack Roundy to act in his place in the Council during his absence, which was sanctioned by the Council.

Adjourned till next Saturday the 11th inst at ** o'clock P.M.

Hosea Stout Clerk

May the 11th 1844

High Council met according to adjournment at [minutes end here]
High Council met agreeably to adjournment on the 18th day of May
1844

present Shidrick Roundy Acting President

J D Parker George W Harris

Joshua Smith James Alread

Newel Knight Robt Stone

Leonard Knight Alva L Tippits

J.M. Cole A. Johnson

William Huntington Sen

H G Sherwood

President Harris presented a statement of or made by George Morriss that Jacob Shoemaker has made Full satisfaction for charges heretofore braught before this Council.

Resolved unanimously that the said Jacob Shoemaker be fully Restored to the church of Latter day Saints

Resolved on motion of H.G. Sherwood that Peter J Forey be Received to fellowship in said Church,

On a letter Received from F.B. Jacoway from New Orleans acting president of a conference held in that place whereby Samuel C. Brown was there Cut off or disfellowshipped from said conference his case was brot before the council, and as there were not any legal charge for trial

preferred the case was

[minutes end here]

The High Council met this 31st day of Augt 1844 agreeable to adjournment Present president William Marks

Bent Knight

Sobey

Charge presented June 1./44 against Elder David Bennet of Nashville Lee Col I.T. was this day brought forward when William J Bennet stated that in a difficulty between Elder David Bennet and Ethan Pettet the two choose Referees to settle their difficulties said Referees were William J. Bennet Moses Martin William Vannosdale Cyrus H Wheelock and James Whaley who proceeded to investigate their difficulties and found that David Bennet was in debted to Ethan Pettet two hundred and some odd dollars. the said Referees then proceeded to appraise the property of said Bennet as had been agreed by the parties, where there was a difference in opinions of the Referees about the price of property, it was unanimously postponed for that time, but a part of said refferees feeling themselves bound to appraise said property by the oath they had taken before a Magistrate notified the others to meet for that purpose at a certain time when three of them meet accordingly and appraised the same and rendered their report of the same, as presented to the honorable High Council.

Said Report was shown to said D. Bennet who said that it was all illegal and that he would have nothing to do with it--he woul[d] not even hear the report.

Wm J. Bennett

High Council Sep 7, 1844

Er S. Bent offered a motion that all withdraw except the Councillors after which Er Bent called upon Er Huntington to state the business.

Er W. Huntington said the business he had was that he felt to make an objection to bro Sobys sitting as councillor in consequence of his saying that Rigdon was president

Er Soby said it was like a thunderstrom to him. He wondered why bro Clayton was invited this morning and now why he should be appointed clerk. He would like to know what you mean. Has there been any charges brought against me--am I to be cut off contrary to the practice I challenge this council to show where I have committed an immoral act what have I done that I should be treated this way. I dont want to commit myself. I must be made a sacrifice all in secret--concocted in secret If you feel disposed to sacrifice me--if you feel disposed to reject me, do it

Er Bent said he was aware that bro Huntington was going to reject bro Soby and that why he

wished the council along. It was out of regard to his feeling. The brethren thought it was best to be alone.

Er Soby again replied that his objections was not against the brethren put out but against bro Clayton being called in to be clerk. Has any brother come to labor with me. I have no objections to investigation. All I want is the same measure I have measured to others should be measured unto me and the measure you mete to me shall be measured to you. I say it in the name of the Lord Jesus

The three appraisers were James Whaley and C H Wheelock and Wm J Bennet

Moses Martin stated as regards the proceedings of differences and debt from Bennet to Pettet the same stating the precise debt to be \$228.50 cents but differs from W. J Bennet by saying the referees agreed to disagree at the first time of attempting to appraise D Bennet's property and signed a verdict to that effect, and do not know of a postponment for another appraisal

Moses Martin

Pres Rich said that he considered this move to be a course designed to save brother Soby and not destroy him. Bro Huntington had objections and this is the place where it should be investigated while we are by ourselves. There has been no feelings but to save each other and we should not suffer prejudice to have it investigated. As to bro Clayton being here for Clerk it was voted by the council.

Bro Huntington said he had talked on the subject with bro Soby and he said that when he had talked in secret his language has been misconstrued. It is a time of great interest to the Church There are many rising up and calling up. It is lo here and lo there no less than five branches--I have found that your house is a house of resort for Pres Rigdon-- I dont think it is right. I think Pres Rigidons course is got up by the devil No man on earth I believe had any idea of killing Pres Marks Your house is a place of resort for those who are seeking to uproot the Kingdom. I have good feelins toward you so far as you go right. The authority is in the twelve.

Er Soby said there has always been good feelings. A few days ago our private clerk was turned out of the room in a case of more importance than mine. I must be brought up. the clerk must write down all I say without a moment warning. Is that christian like. Did bro. Huntington advise me. I thought so little of our discourse I have not thought of it. The remarks I made in this upper room are as firm now as they was then. I said I believed Er Rigdon was the man, I still believe it. Why was I not cut off then. Bro Bent could have as easily consulted me as to bring bro Wm Clayton to write down all I say. It seems to be ***** destructing. I dont want to injure this place, the twelve or any man. I have not had a bad heart. I prayed and got the higher degree of evidence I could. Bro Hyrum told me I was not to blame Bro. Joseph did not curse me as has been supposed. Why not give me another week to give me a chance to act my feelings out-- I have not expressed my feelings untill within a day or two.

Er Bent said to bro Soby this is the place where we should express our feelings. He asked bro Soby to tell his feelings about Er Rigdon-- Soby said he did not want to be judged in haste Dont ask me questions here to condemn myself.

Er Bent said he was willing that S. Should have time The question he wanted to ask was, did he acknowledge Er Rigdon to preside or the Twelve.

Er Geo W Harris moved that the charges be written out and presented for trial at a future meeting This was objected to by several

S. said he would not answer any questions to day Er Cutler said the charges can[?] be made out in a few minutes Soby has took a course for his own injury-- Had the other clerk been here he would have been rejected. this charges is brought up by the authority of the Twelve. and if brother Soby is not with the Twelve he is no longer a councillor here. Er Rigdon had no authority to lead this church.

Er Sherwood said that Sobys objections to the clerk was of no use at the time he refers to we had no need of a clerk. Another objection at the time we had a private council--he says he had the same feelings and why did we not cut him off then. It would have been moonshine untill there was a proper organization. He referred to Sobys objections against the clerk. The position you have taken bro Soby has gone against you-- And I have objections to setting in Council with you untill this is settled-- We set in council to judge of matters in the church and I want all to be in the same faith. I think bro. Soby is disqualified from being councillor--

Er Soby said he had no man to defend him. I can answer his objections-- but there is no one to defend me. Has there been no defence in other cases. This thing has been concocted by the Twelve, therefore my doom is fixed my die is cast. Who could make a speech without there being some objections. You do not expect me to be infallible.

Er Marks proposed that he withdraw. but Grover objected untill he had answered certain questions.

Er Rich said this Council if it is any thing it is the council of God to judge matters pertaining to the Kingdom of God. If there are things in the council which are wrong we are not fit to do business. Bro Soby has been ordained by Er Rigdon and is going away and are using an influence against this place We object to holding on to any one who are taking this course. We want to take a course to save ourselves--and this is the reason why we want bro Soby to come out and answer the charges.

Soby said he felt sorry that he should cause this body to be so unpure-- He came to this place and would not enter into any traffick with men that he might keep himself pure. If I err it is in doctrine-- I have not made bogus or committed adultery but because I err in doctrine I must be given to the buffetings of Satan. I am in your hands--do with me as you please. The quorum of the Twelve have made a dicision against me (concocted.) The intimation is strong. Will you

destroy me. I am an innocent man before God. Because I esteem that man and you do not am I to be sacrificed--

I believe this to be the High Council of God and I am one of its members. I stand high in authority and must not have the chance of a common member. I hold this is the council of God but we may make a wrong decision

Bro Grover called upon the chair for ***** & insisted that bro Soby shall answer questions.

Bro Fullmer said this is a meeting of injury.

Bro Grover said the council has been insulted forty times and the chairman has taken no notice of it. He admitted that this was the High Council of God. And if he will not answer questions it is the option of the church to cut him off.

Er Cutler said this council is resolved not to sit in Council to try our fellow men and one of us following one and another following another. We have decreed never to turn my back upon the Twelve and when a man does it I will not fellowship with him. No body acused you of adultery or bogus making. There is no compulsions but you cant travil the road you have done and I council with you. When we see you running astray we shall not come to you to know if we shall have a clerk.

Soby said it seems this council has been a merciful counsel but not so with me. What if have gone astray, am I not to be heard. It will be your turn sometime. I never had any difficulty with those brethren, and that I should be treated so. Go it go it go it with a rush, I am innocent--There is no use keeping me here

Er Harris renewed his motion which was again objected to.

Er Harris still thought he ought to have till Monday or tuesday

E Grover said he should have any time only now. Er Rigdon has been here for three or four weeks. S has known that this Council did not believe Sidneys revelations except he and bro Marks-- He has been initiated with some high rank--deep in Rigdons instructions

High Council of Nauvoo met Sept 10th 1844

Councillor Bent nominated Elder Ezra Benson for councillor to fill the vacancy of Leonard Soby dismissed -- all the Council spoke in the case of Elder Benson & approbated him

He was called on to speak & did so -- accepted this appointment and was ordained a Councillor--

It was motioned to dismiss the present Clerk, Viz, Elder Coles after remarks being made by the Council -- it was voted to dismiss him -- It was voted that William Clayton be the Clerk of said Council

The faith, principle and pursuit of Elder Marks was called up -- When it was found that he imbibed a notion different from the apostles or Council -- and was voted that the Council (in future) do business without him at their head.

Council adjourned until Saturday next at 2 o'clock P.M. at the 70s hall.

H G Sherwood

Clk pro tem

NB Voted that Elder H G Sherwood acquaint

Elder Marks of the proceedings -- and obtain

from him the papers - Book &c.

HGS

[Book # 4]

Nauvoo Sept 21, 1844.

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints met in the Seventie's Hall according to adjournment at 2 o'clock P.M. and opened by prayer.

The case of Pettit vs. Bennett was taken up, but as the accused was not present, the trial was postponed until Oct. 5th at 9 o'clock A.M.

Oct. 5th 1844

Voted to adjourn and meet in the Seventies Hall Oct. 5th 1844 at 9 o'clock A.M.

C.C. Pendleton Clk

Nauvoo Oct. 5th 1844.

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints met this day in the Seventie's Hall at 9 o'clock A.M. and proceeded to an organization

Counsellors Present.

Saml Bent

Jas. Allred

Dauid Fulmer

Alpheus Cutler

Thos. S. Gates (in place of Thos Grover)

Geo. W. Harris

Newell Knigh[t]

Aaron Johnson

Ezra T. Benson

Simeon A. Dunn (in place of Wm
Huntington)

Henry G. Sherwood

The Case of Pettit. vs. Bennett was laid over until some subsequent time in consequence of sickness on the part of Brother Bennett.

Voted that in appealed cases from a Bishop's Court, when the parties do not present themselves at the time specified they consider the Bishop's decision in force, and will take no further notice of the case.

An appealed case from Bishop John Murdock's Court of E.M. Wight (vs) Almira Babbitt, was brought before the Council. Charges preferred were, failing to fulfil agreements; and abuse.

Voted by the Council that one on a side shall speak.

Ezra T. Benson Counsellor for Complainant

H.G. Sherwood Counsellor for the Accused.

After some deliberations of the part of the council for the parties; and some feeling and suitable remarks by Prest. Saml Bent, Alpheus Cutler and Newel Knight, decided by a unanimous voice of the Council. that the parties retain their membership and that they go home and settle their difficulties between themselves, and live in peace forever after.

Voted to adjourn till next Saturday at one oclock P.M. to meet in this Hall.

C.C. Pendleton Clerk.

Nauvoo Oct. 12th 1844.

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints met in the Hall of the Seventies agreeably to adjournment, and organized for buisness. Councillors Present.

Saml Bent

Jas. Allred

Lewis D. Wilson

Isaac Allred in place of A. Cutler

David Fulmer

George W. Harris

Andrew W. Timmons in place of Thos. Grover

Aaron Johnson

Jas. Carroll, in place of Newell Knight

Wm Huntington

Ezra T. Benson.

Henry G. Sherwood

Chas C. Rich acting President.

Subject for investigation, an appealed case from Bishop Isaac Higbee's Court of Harvy Olmstead, vs. Arthur Morrison.

Charge preferred was fraud in settling accounts. Voted that one on a side shall speak.

Saml Bent, Counsellor for Complainant

Jas. Allred Counsellor for the Accused

After some little consultation, Voted by the Council that the parties at variance make choice of referee to investigate and settle their difficulties, and their decisions shall be abided, or the one refusing to abide such decisions shall be disfellowshipped, and in case A. Morrison abide such decisions as they the referees shall make, he shall be disfellowshipped by the Church.

H. Olmsted chose Jas Carroll. Arthur Morrison chose Henry Snider, and they jointly made choice of Ed. Wooley.

Voted to adjourn until next Saturday to meet in this Hall as one o'clock P.M.

C.C. Pendleton Clerk

Nauvoo Oct 19, 1844

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints met at one o'clock in the Hall of the Seventies, ~~(owing to repairs being made in the First Presidency's Hall~~ according to adjournment.

Present of the Council

Saml Bent

Jas. Allred

Lewis D. Wilson

David Fulmer

Geo. W. Harris

Thos Grover

Newel Knight

Wm Huntington

Ezra T. Benson

No business being brought before the Council,

Voted to adjourn until next Saturday at one o'clock P.M.

C.C. Pendleton

Nauvoo Oct.26th 1844

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, met at the usual place of meeting according to adjournment, but as no business was presented for investigation, adjourned till next Saturday at one o'clock P.M. to meet in the Hall of the Seventies

C.C. Pendleton Clk

Nauvoo Nov. 2d 1844.

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, met in the Seventies Hall pursuant to adjournment; no business being brought before said Council,

Voted to adjourn till next Saturday at 1 o'clock P.M.

C.C. Pendleton Clk

Nauvoo Nov. 9th 1844.

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, met in the Seventies Hall of the First Presidency pursuant to adjournment, but no business being brought before said, Council Voted to adjourn until next Saturday, to meet in this Hall at one o'clock P.M.

C.C. Pendleton Clk

Nauvoo Nov. 16th 1844.

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, met this day in the First Presidency's Seventies Hall, according to adjournment, and opened by prayer from Councillor Lewis D. Wilson. George W. Harris and David Fulmer were then appointed a Committee to visit Elder Amos B. Tomlinson and demand his License, in consequence of his holding to and

~~advocating false doctrine, such as this "the Twelve are out of their place, having usurped the authority of the First Presidency" &c. Some appropriate remarks were then made by Councillors, Fulmer, Allred, Bent, Harris, Huntington and Grover, respecting punctuality of attendance on the part of the Council, and a perfect union of feeling and concert of action in all their transactions as a Quorum, also respecting the Law of tithing and the necessity of strict punctuality on the part of the saints in paying and receiving credit for the same. apostacy.~~

Voted to adjourn till next Saturday at one o'clock Afternoon

Calvin C. Pendleton Clk

Nauvoo Nov 23d 1844

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints met in the Seventie's Hall pursuant to adjournment and adjourned to the dwelling house of President Brigham Young, and opened the Counsel for business by prayer from broth David Fulmer.

It was then moved by Counsellor Harris and seconded by brother Thomas Grover, that Ebenezer Robinson & Wife be cut off from the Church for apostacy and notice of the same to be given in the Times & Seasons. carried unanimously.

The Licence of A.B. Tomlinson was then presented by brother Aaron Johnson, when it was motioned by Councillor D. Fulmer & seconded by brother T. Grover that he (A.B. Tomlinson) be cut off from the church in consequence of apostacy, and notice to be given as above directed. Carried unanimously.

Voted that James Ivins, Wm Marks and wife; Dr Josiah Ells, Ephriam S. Green, and Wm Stanley; receive a written notice from the clerk of the Council to meet said Council in the Seventie's Hall on next Saturday at ten o'clock A.M.

Voted on motion that Councillor Ezra T. Benson received a letter of recommendation from the Council to the Eastern Churches; and carried unanimously.

Voted that Phineas Richards fill the place of Ezra T. Benson (as a counsellor) during his absence. Also Voted that this Council adjourn un[t]il next Saturday at ten of the clock, A.M. to meet in the Seventie's Hall.

C.C. Pendleton Clk

Note A letter was also written to Bishop Joseph L. Heywood of Quincy; with instructions to Elder Truman Wait to return to Nauvoo and make satisfaction to the Church (if possible) in relation to reports in circulation respecting him; with a request of Brother Heywood to send such intelligence respecting the conduct of Elder Wait, as were in his power.

Nauvoo Nov 30. 1844.

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints met in the Seventie's Hall according to adjournment, and opened by prayer from Father John Smith, President of the Stake, who, with, Genl Chas C. Rich, one of his Councillors, acted in concert with President S. Bent in Presiding.

The minutes of the previous meeting were then read and approved.

Moved by Pres't Bent and seconded by D. Fulmer and carried unanimously, that the Council proceed to question those individuals who were cited (by vote of the previous meeting), relative to their faith, &c. as the Council was not yet full.

Elder Wm Marks arose and stated that he had never spoken against the Council or Church, but had thought there had been some hasty moves made, but wished to do the thing that was right; did not think of apostatizing, but wished to carry out every righteous principle. Were things practiced in our midst that were not right, such as stealing and the like which had been a trouble to him, thought some had treated him with coldness and neglect &c. Wished to sustain the Church. As respected the present organization, he was willing to conform to, and abide by it.

Were his present feelings to be with the Council?

Did not wish to leave the Church, nor did he wish to crowd himself into the society of those who did not want him with them; had heard many [?] and hard speeches concerning him--was willing for the brethren to do with him as they saw fit and he would abide by it. Had the best of feelings towards those that treated him well, but there were those who were continually telling foul lies ab[o]ut him, and stealing every thing from him they could lay their hands upon.

His mind had been in an unsettled state respecting how the church should be organized, but since its present organization, was, and ever had been satisfied with it.

Moved by H. G. Sherwood, and seconded by David Fulmer, that brother Marks have our fellowship and that we give him our heart and hand for his Spiritual and Temporal welfare, carried without a dissenting vote.

Dr Ells was then called upon, who stated that he had ever feared God from his youth up. Had thought & still thought that the right of Presidency was perpetual-- was not fully satisfied that the present organization of the church was exactly right, or not, was willing to sustain the twelve in their stations, as they formerly stood (ie) as Apostles. His feelings were now towards Elder Rigdon, but was not willing to risk his salvation upon Sidney Rigdon the "twelve" or any other men.

Thought Rigdon had the right of Presidency and should so think until he had more knowledge upon the subject-- had prayed earnestly to God to know what was right and if he had suffered him to be led astray, he was willing to take it so.

Had no predilection for Elder Rigdon, but though[t] from the Revelations in Book of Covenants he was to be Prest & had been so appointed. Elder Orson Hyde then made some very appropriate and pointed remarks relative to the organization of the church, the course of Elder Rigdon and others; and also of the appointment of the Twelve by Brother Joseph on the 23d of March last, to ~~stand in~~ their present office, that on them the responsibility of bearing of[f] the Kingdom rested, and tho' they had many difficulties to encounter, they must "Round up their their shoulders and bear it like men of God and not be bluffed off by any man." which statements were sanctioned by Councillor A. Cutler. Brother Hyde also prophesied of that the influence and prosperity of those who go from this place without council, would be taken from them. Elder John Taylor also made some very instructive remarks on the same subject. No testimony, nor argument seemed to satisfy Dr E. Voted unanimously, that Dr Josiah Ells be disfellowshipped by the church until he shall reform in principles of faith and notice hereof be given in the "Times and Seasons."

Ephriam S. Green was then called upon, who seemed to manifest a desire to act in conformity to the rules of the church, and the wishes of the authorities of the same, but owing to some matter of consideration between him and Elder Hyde, his case was laid over for the present.

Others cited were not present, as it was difficult, or impossible for them to attend. A letter from Bishop Heywood of Quincy respecting Elder Truman Wait was then read by the clerk. Elder Wait being present made some remarks denying reports against him. Elder O. Hyde reported unfavorably against him -- had frequently seen him in the grogshops, and considered his conduct very unworthy.

Voted upon motion of President John Smith & the sanction of Councillor Harris that Elder Waits licence be taken from him and he stand as a private member.

By request of Elder H. C. Kimball, the case of J R Ball was brought up. Elder Kimball seemed to compassionate his situation, and was of the opinion that he had been willing to do by brother Gribble as he had agreed, and wished him restored to fellowship if found worthy.

After some consultation, Moved by Councillor [K]Night and seconded by Brother Cutler that J. R. Ball be received into the church by baptism and ordained to his former standing and authority. Carried unanimously.

Voted to adjourn till next Saturday at one o'clock P.M. to meet in the Seventie's Hall.

C.C. Pendleton, Clerk.

Note Councillor A. Cutler arose and stated that Elder S. Rigdon came to him on the morning that he arrived in Nauvoo from Pittsburg, and saluted him very cordially stated his joy to see him

and told him that he (Cutler) was to ~~become~~ a great man in the Kingdom; and Elder Wm Marks also said to him that he himself, was to be head Patriarch over the whole Church.

Elder Cutler also remarked that he felt bound to sustain the Twelve, and all the Quorums in the Church with its present organization, for on that his salvation depended, and asked Elder Marks if he could take him by the hand as a brother and go with him in these matters. Elder Marks frankly said yes, Heart and Hand.

N B. The Council was full.

Nauvoo Dec. 7, 1844.

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints met in the Seventie's Hall as one o'clock P.M. pursuant to adjournment and opened by prayer from Elder George W. Harris.

Counsellors Present

Samuel Bent	James Allred.
Lewis D. Wilson	Alpheus Cutler
David Fulmer	George W. Harris
Thomas Grover	Aaron Johnson
Newel Knight	William Huntington

Phineas Richards, in place of Ezra T. Benson Henry G. Sherwood

Also present, of First Presidency, George A. Smith, and Amasa Lyman.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

President Bent arose and stated to the Council that during the present week he had presented a written article from the "Twelve," to Elder Wm Marks, to sign, thereby confirming to them his declarations on last Saturday before the Councillors to acknowledge and uphold the Twelve and all the Quorums of the Church of Jesus Christ in its present organization, and thereby show to all, his renunciation of Sidney Rigdon and his claims; but ~~his full belief in~~ he would not sign it. He then returned the paper to Prest Orson Hyde who ~~struck off, or~~ drew up an other article leaving out the most objectionable clause to him; (viz the acknowledging the authority of the Twelve,) and again presented it to Elder Marks but he utterly refused to sign it, and said he would sign no paper and did not want his name to go abroad.

Pres. A Lyman then remarked, that as Elder Marks had been sustained in fellowship by [the] High Council by his acknowledgements; the Twelve also wished to be satisfied of his present feelings; and thought it proper to write a manifesto to present to Elder Marks to sign, that he

might show or acknowledge that he had been deceived by ~~by~~ Sidney Rigdon, and that in so doing his name and influence abroad should not be used against this Church.

Prest Geo. A Smith confirmed Elder Lyman's statements, and said that as Elder Marks had had more influence abroad than Elder Rigdon and his name was used to the injury of this Church; they wished his acknowledgements to uphold the Twelve and all the authorities of this Church in its present organization, and his renunciation of S. Rigdon, to be published, that his name might cease to wield an influence against us. After much deliberation, Unanimously Voted that Elder Marks be cited for trial before this Council, in the Seventie's Hall on Mon. the 9th inst at ten o'clock AM. for refusing to comply with the Covenant made by him to said Council on last Saturday, viz to sustain the Twelve and all the Quorums of the Church; and also Voted that his wife be notified to attend with him, said intelligence to be given by the clerk.

Voted that Sister Hannah Ells be notified by the clerk to attend the Council at the time and place above specified, as ~~evidence in the case for trial~~ witness in matters to come before the Council.

Voted to adjourn till Monday next at ten o'clock A.M. to meet in the Seventie's Hall,

C.C. Pendleton Clk

Nauvoo Dec. 9th 1844.

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints met in the Seventie's Hall pursuant to adjournment, and opened, by prayer from Brother Thos Grover.

Presidents Orson Hyde, John Smith & Chas C. Rich sat with the council.

Councillors Present.

Saml Bent	Jas. Allred
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Lewis D. Wilson	Alpheus Cutler
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David Fulmer	Geo. W. Harris
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Thos Grover	Aaron Johnson
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Newel Knight	Wm Huntington
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Phineas Richards in place of E. T. Benson	H. G. Sherwood
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1stly Voted by the Council that Elder Samuel C. Brown deliver up his licence, which he refused to do.

2dly Voted that the said Saml C. Brown be cut off from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, ~~and~~ for refusing to comply with the requitions of said Council, and notice of the same be

given in the "Times and Seasons."

Elder Wm Marks was present, who after some consultation, signed the following article ~~from the Twelve.~~

After mature and candid deliberation, I am fully and satisfactorily convinced that Mr Sidney Rigdon's claim to the presidency of the church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints are not founded in truth. I have been deceived by his specious pretences, and now feel to warn every one over whom I may have any influence to beware of him and his pretended visions and revelations. The Twelve are the proper ~~authorities~~ persons to lead the church.*

Nauvoo Dec. 9th 1844.
William Marks

Council voted to adjourn till next Saturday at one o'clock P.M.

C.C. Pendleton Clk

*Note This clause acknowledging the authority of the "Twelve," was a voluntary addition of Elder Marks.

C.C.P.

Nauvoo Dec. 14th 1844.

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints met in the Seventie's Hall according to adjournment, and opened by prayer from Brother Aaron Johnson. After mutual conversation upon principles of salvation, Voted that all the decisions of this council, be made with uplifted hands.

~~———— Voted to adjourn till next Saturday at one o'clock P.M.~~

~~———— C. C. Pendleton Clerk~~

Councillors Present

Saml Bent

Jas. Allred

Lewis D. Willson

Geo. W. Harris

David Fulmer

Aarron Johnson

Thos Grover

Wm Huntington

Phineas Richards ~~in place of E.T. Benson~~

H.G. Sherwood

Chas C. Rich Presiding in concert with Pres Bent. Voted to adjourn till next Saturday at one

o'clock P.M.

C.C. Pendelton Clk

Nauvoo Decr 21 1844.

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints met in Council in the Seventie's Hall at the hour appointed and opened by prayer from councillor Newell [K]Night.

Councillors Present

Samuel Bent	[illegible] Allred	
Lewis D. Wilson	[illegible] Buzzard in place of	
David Fulmer	Alpheus Cutler	
Thomas Grover	George W. Harris	
Newel Knight	Aaron Johnson	
Pheneas Richards, for E. T. Benson		William Huntington
H. G. Sherwood		

Presidents Orson Hyde, and Chas C. Rich, [illegible] with President S. Bent, in presiding over the Council.

The case before the council, was an appeal from the branch of the church in Nashville I.T. of Wm R. Orton vs. Samuel P. Hoyt. Charge preferred, was, unchristian like conduct in refusing to pay a just demand. Voted that two on a side shall speak upon the [illegible] (viz.) Lewis D. Wilson & David Fulmer, Councillors for Plaintiff

Geo. W. Harris & P.H. Bluzzard, Councillor for Defendant.

The Charge was not sustained on the grounds that Elder Hoyt had not been fully empowered to settle demands against the estate of one Mr Wright deceased, said demand being against that estate, some portion of which was lodged in the hands of Brother Hoyt.

Moved by Prest O. Hyde, seconded by Brother T. Grover and carried by a unanimous vote, that Brother S.P. Hoyt, shall loan \$11.25 cents to Brother Wm R. Orton without interest, untill he shall receive legal authority to settle demands against said Estate.

Prest O. Hyde asked Elder Hoyt, if he would covenant to the Council, to pay the demand of brother Orton's (it being [illegible].25) to him (Orton) as soon as empowered so to do? to which he recently covenanted.

Voted unanimously, that Elder Saml P. Hoyt be restored to the fellowship of the church, also
Voted to adjourn to the dwelling house of H. G. Sherwood, to meet on Saturday next at
[illegible] o'clock P.M.

C.C. Pendleton Clerk.

Nauvoo Decr 28th 1844.

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, met at the dwelling house
of Councillor H.G. Sherwood, and opened by prayer from Councillor Wm Huntington and
organ[illegible] for business.

Saml Bent Jas. Allred

Lewis D. Wilson Jacob Morris, in place of A. Cutler

David Fulmer Geo W. Harris

Thos Grover Aaron Johnson

Newel Kinght Wm Huntington

Phineas Richards for E.T. Benson H.G. Sherwood

President Chas C. Rich ~~Chairman~~ Presiding.

~~Voted unanimously that Samuel Music has no fellowship with the church, and that notice hereof
be given in the "Times and Seasons."~~

Charges were prefered by Elder Myron Higley against Elder Daniel Botsford and Nancy his wife
for sundry unchristian like conduct committed in N. York such as fraud, falsehoods, oppositions
to the Principle of Gathering &c. whereupon it was unanimously, Voted, firstly, that Elder Daniel
Botsford and Nancy his wife be cut off from the Church, and published in the "Times and
Seasons."

Secondly that Councillor H. G. Sherwood idit said matter for publication.

Voted to adjourn till next Saturday, to meet at one o'clock P.M. in the Seventie's Hall.

C.C. Pendleton Clerk.

Nauvoo Jany 4th 1845.

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, met at the Seventie's Hall

according to appointment, and from thence convened at the dwelling house of Coun H.G. Shwewood and opened by prayer from Brother Phineas Richards.

Councillors Present.

Samu[e]l Bent	Jas. Allred
Lewis D. Wilson	Alpheus Cutler
David Fulmer	Geo. W. Harris
Thos. Grover	
Newel Knight	Wm Huntington
Phineas Richards for E.T. Benson	H.G. Sherwood

Presidents John Smith and Chas C. Rich Presiding with President Bent.

Voted that H.G. Sherwood be a committee to inform Brother Christopher Murkley to meet in the dwelling house of President John Smith on Tues[da]y evening next, in order to settle a difficulty existing between him and Brother Saml Music, before Prest John Smith Wm Huntington & H.G. Sherwood.

Councillor Sherwood then read an article touching the case of Danl and Nancy Botsford, which was approved. Voted to adjourn till next Saturday at this house, to meet at one o'clock P.M.

Dismissed by Prayer from Prest John Smith

Calvin C. Pendleton Clerk

Nauvoo Jany 11, 1845

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, convened at the dwelling of Councillor H. G. Sherwood agreeable to adjournment and opened by prayer from Councillor P. Richards,

Councillors Present,

Saml Bent	Jas. Allred
Lewis D. Wilson	
David Fulmer	Geo W. Harris
Thos Grover	Aaron Johnson
Newel Knight	Wm Huntington

Phineas Richards ~~for E.T. Benson~~ H. G. Sherwood

Prest Chas C. Rich Presiding

Councillors H. G. Sherwood and ~~Wm Huntington~~ reported concerning the meeting on Tues[da]y evening at Prest John Smith's, holden in behalf of Christopher Murkely and Saml Musick; and stated that brother Murkely appeared willing to comply with every thing within the bounds of reason; but that brother Musick was obstinate and unyielding in the extreme which was corroborated by Brother Huntington

Voted to lay the matter over till next Saturday.

Voted to adjourn till Saturday at ten o'clock A.M. ~~in this House~~ to meet in the dwelling of H.G. Sherwood. Dismissed by prayer from Prest Chas C. Rich.

C.C. Pendleton, Clerk

[Book # 5]

Nauvoo Jany 18, 1845.

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Chrsit of Latter Day Saints met in the dwelling of Councillor H. G. Sherwood pursuant to adjournment, and opened by prayer from Prest. Saml Bent.

Councillors Present.

Saml Bent

Jas. Allred

Lewis D. Wilson
of the meeting

Alpheus Cutler present at the latter part

David Fulmer

Geo. W. Harris

Thomas Grover

Aaron Johnson

Phineas Richards ~~for E. T. Benson~~

Henry G. Sherwood

Voted that Elder Samuel Musci be cut off from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, for theft, striking Brother Christopher Murkely with a sword, and contempt of Council and Church authority, and notice hereof be given in the "Times and Seasons."

Voted that Councillor Sherwood draft an article for publication, touching the case of Saml Music,

Voted that the Council do not receive the charges of Danl Avery against Ebenezer Richardson; and that Brother Avery be refered to the Seventies, for an investigation of the last charge, (viz.)

that he is not a regular member of the Church.

Voted [to] adjourn till next Saturday at one o'clock P.M. to meet at Brother H. G. Sherwood's.

Closing prayer, by Prest. John Smith.

C.C. Pendleton Clerk

Nauvoo Jany 25, 1845.

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints met at Henry G Sherwoods according to adjournment and opened by prayer from Councillor Jas. Allred.

Councillors Present.

Saml Bent	Jas. Allred
Lewis D. Wilson	Alpheus Cutler
David Fulmer	George W. Harris
Aaron Johnson	
Newel Knight	William Huntington
Phineas Richards	

Presidents John Smith and Chas C. Rich Presiding

A charge preferred against Jonathan T. Packer and Widow Mortley, (for unchristianlike conduct in not settling a difficulty between them.) by Nathan W. Packer and Wm Thompson; was read to be acted upon Saturday the first day of Feby next Said case is an appeal from the Court of D. Evans, Bishop holden on the 21 st of Decr 1844.

Voted to adjourn till next Saturday at ten o'clock A.M. to meet in this house. Closing prayer by Prest John Smith.

* Note, All the previous minutes of the Council which had not been read, were read and approved

Calvin C. Pendleton Clk

Nauvoo Feby 1st 1845

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Chrsit of Latter Day Saints met according to

adjournment at Councillor H. G. Sherwoods and opened by prayer from Councillor Lewis D. Wilson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The case to be acted upon was pos[t]poned by permission in consequence of the Plaintiff's inability to procure an essential witness.

Voted that said case be laid over for action on Saturday the 15th i[n]st. at one o'clock P.M.

The Councillors Present

Saml Bent	Jas. Allred
Lewis D. Wilson	Alpheus Cutler
David Fulmer	Geo. W. Harris
Thos Grover	

Voted to adjourn till two weeks from to day at one o'clock to meet at Co[u]ncellor Sherwood's.

Closing prayer by President Chas C. Rich.

C. C. Pendleton.

Nauvoo Feb. 15, 1845

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints met according to adjournemtn at Councillor Henry G. Sherwoods' and opened by prayer from Councillor Alpheus Cutler.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Councillors Present.

Samuel Bent	James Allred.
Lewis D. Wilson	Alpheus Cutler
David Fulmer	George W. Harris
Thomas Grover	Aaron Johnson
Newel Knight	William Huntington
Phineas Richards	

Presidents John Smith and Chas C. Rich Presiding with President Bent.

The case to be tried (being an appeal from Bishop D. Evans Court of Dec. 21 1844) was not acted upon in consequence of the parties not presenting themselves.

Calvin C. Pendleton was ordained a high priest under the hands of Presidents John Smith, Saml Bent, and Chas. C. Rich

Closing prayer by President John Smith.

Voted to adjourn till next Saturday to meet in this house at ten o'clock A.M.

C. C. Pendleton Clerk

Nauvoo Feb. 22d 1845

The High council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints met pursuant to adjournment at councellor Sherwood's and from thence removed to the Seventies Hall and opened by prayer, from councellor David Fulmer.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read, and approved.

Councillors Present.

Samuel Bent	James Allred
Lewis D. Wilson.	Alpheus Cutler
David Fulmer.	George W. Harris
Thomas Grover.	Aaron Johnson
Newel Knight.	William Huntington
Phineas Richards	William Snow in place of H. G.

Sherwood by ~~the~~ a unanimous Vote of the Council

President Brigham Young, John Smith and Charles C. Rich Presiding with President Saml Bent.

The following Charge, prefered by Horace Burgess, against Lester Brooks was brought before the Council for investigation.

A Charge is hereby prefered before the High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, against Lester Brooks a member of said church for unchristianlike conduct in influencing the following persons to trade with Nelson Millet their farms in the State of Ohio, for property in this State, such as lands and personal property, and also, were influenced to take said Millet's Note, or notes for much of the property which they disposed of to Said Millet, and said persons have, through the influence of said Brooks, made said trades with the said, Millet, and most of

the individuals have lost about all the property they had, by conveyance to said Millet. The names of the individuals defrauded, are: Zebina Smith, Hiram Picket, Daniel P. Young, Brother Willis and Hiram Foush; and said Brooks appeared to be engaged in riding about for Millet to make some of the trades for him as Agent, and I hereby state, that said Brooks had a design in defrauding said individuals who traded with Nelson Millet. Some of them have taken Bonds from said Millet for Deeds of Land to be conveyed, lying here, and Said Brooks has misrepresented the price of said lands and also in regard to the titles in relation to the above trades.

Feby 8th 1845.

Horace Burgess.

Voted that two on a side shall speak

Thomas Grover & Newel Knight, Council for Plaintiff

Aaron Johnson & William Huntington, Council for Defendant.

After much deliberation and many pertinent and impressive remarks by the presidents and council, Brother Brooks was dismissed from the charges preferred, and, Voted unanimously to continue fellowship with him.

A Vote of the congregation present, approving the proceedings of the Council, was taken, which was general.

Voted that William Snow fill the place of Henry G. Sherwood, who is from home on Church business. Closing prayer by President Brigham Young.

Voted to adjourn and meet in this Hall on next Saturday at one o'clock P.M.

C.C. Pendleton Clerk

Nauvoo March 1st 1845

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints met in the Seventies Hall pursuant to adjournment

Councillors Present.

Newell Knight

James Allred

Phineas Richards

George W. Harris

Aaron Johnson

William Huntington

William Snow

No business was brought before the Council. Voted to adjourn till Saturday next, to meet in this Hall at one o'clock P.M.

C.C. Pendleton Clk

Nauvoo March 8th 1845.

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, met in the Seventies Hall according to adjournment and opened by prayer from Councillor George W. Harris.

The minutes of the two previous meetings were read and approved.

Councillors Present.

Lewis D. Wilson	James Allred
David Fulmer	George W. Harris
Thomas Grover	Aaron Johnson
Newel Knight	William Huntington
Phineas Richards	William Snow

Charles C. Rich Presiding

Closing prayer by the President.

Voted to adjourn till next Saturday, to meet in this Hall at one o'clock P.M.

Calvin C. Pendleton Clerk.

Minutes of the High Council Saturday March 13th 1843.

Present, Samuel Bent, Charles C. Rich, Albert P. Rockwood, David Fulmer, Thomas Grover, Newel Knight, Phineas Richards, Wm Huntington, Aaron Johnson George W. Harris, Alpheus Cutler, James Allred and Wm Snow.

Also, President Brigham Young, Heber C. Kimball, Orson Pratt, John Taylor, George A. Smith, & John E. Page of the Quorum of the Twelve.

N.K. Whitney and George Miller Presiding Bishops, and Wm Clayton and Daniel Carn.

Prest Bent called upon Wm Clayton to act as clerk pro Tem, inasmuch as the regular clerk was sick.

Council opened by prayer from Eldr O. Pratt.

Prest. B. Young then said we want to take into consideration the case of Brother George J. Adams who is now present. I have objections to brother Adams' conduct and to the course he has taken and shall tell them here.

First when brother Adams came home last ~~last~~ fall, I asked him if he had any money for the Temple; he said no, he handed every thing to Wm Smith. Since then Wm Smith has wrote and said he sent some money and some cloth by brother Adams for the Temple, we have not got it. I have also been told that brother Adams has frequently read some kind of a note before the people, which represents him as having some great authority over every body else, and also that he was appointed Joseph's Spokesman.

I have been told that brother Adams says the Church owes him something from six hundred to one thousand dollars in money. Now I want to know if brother Adams can explain these things, and whether he is satisfied to have the matter investigated before this council.

Brother Adams then went on to explain to the Council relative to the above charges. He denied having said that he was appointed Joseph's Spokesman. He explained about the Temple money and said he was willing to meet any committe this council might appoint, and settle the whole account with them. He also explained how the church owed him money.

Prest Young then prefered some other charges relative to his conduct in the East, to which, after many remarks on both sides, Adams plead guilty and begged for mercy.

Many remarks were then made by sundry individuals, substantiating the charges, prefered by Prest. Young each one expressing a strong desire for brother Adam's salvation.

After spending much time in investigation, the Prest. S. Bent, arose to give his mind on the case, but a motion being made that Prest Young give the decision, Prest. Bent gave way.

Prest. Young then arose and said he wanted Brother Adams to sit down and write that he has done wrong, that he asks forgiveness, and is willing henceforth to listen to council, and do right without criminating any one else, also that the proper authorities of this church are here, and that he is with the Twelve and will be with them to bear off this Kingdom.

I want brother Adams to write this freely and confess his iniquities: a mans confession will never do him hurt unless he turns round and does wrong again.

Meeting adjourned to meet in the Seventie's Hall on Saturday next at one o'clock P.M.

Closing Prayer by President Rich.

City of Joseph Apr. 19, 1845

The High Council of the church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints met according to adjournment and opened by prayer from Councillor George W. Harris.

Councillors Present.

James Allred

Lewis D. Wilson

Alpheus Cutler

David Fulmer

George W. Harris Prest pro tem.

Thomas Grover

Aaron Johnson

Phineas Richards

William Huntington

William Snow

The following petition was accompanied with a bottle of Oil was presented before the Council.

To the Honorable President and Brethren of the High Council, by request of my husband, I write you an apology for his absence; he is sick, quite confined to his bed with a severe cough and fever, he joins with me in asking you all to join in prayer for his recovery and also requests this bottle of Oil to be consecrated for and in behalf of my husband, whom I love and re reverence, even as Sarah did Abraham, when she honored him calling him Lord.

Yours with respect,

Lydia Knight

The case of Joseph Pennock (vs.) L.T. Coons and others to be acted upon to day, was not brought before the Council as the case was settled and charge withdrawn.

Brother Alva S. Tippetts stated to the council the licentious couse of conduct of one James Johnson and family of Indiana according to the best of his information both from his own ~~information~~ observation and the statements of others but action upon the case was defered till next Saturday that Bishop J. Murdock might be present who also was with Brother Tippetts in the State aforesaid.

Voted to adjourn till ~~next~~ Saturday May 3 at three o'clock P.M. in the Seventie's Hall.

C.C. Pendleton Clerk

Voted that in naming the place of date, in the High Council minutes, that the Name (City of Joseph) supply the place of Nauvoo.

APPROVED

City of Joseph May 3rd 1845.

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints met according to adjournment, and opened for business by prayer from Counsellor Thos Grover.

Councillors Present.

Samuel Bent	James Allred
Lewis D. Wilson	Alpheus Cutler
David Fulmer	George W. Harris
Thomas Grover	Aaron Johnson
Newel Knight	William Huntington
Phineas Richards	William Snow

Minutes of the two previous meetings were read and approved.

The case of James Johnson of Indiana, was again taken into consideration. Brother Alva S. Tippetts stated to the Council, that by a decision of Bishop John Murdock and himself, while on their Mission; the said James Johnson was cut off from the Church, whereupon it was unanimously Voted that said decision remain in effect upon him, (the Said Johnson.)

Voted to adjourn, to meet in this Hall on Saturday, two weeks from to day at three o'clock P.M.

Closing prayer by president Bent.

Approved.

Calvin C. Pendleton Clerk

City of Joseph May 10th 1845

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints met pursuant to adjournment, and opened by prayer from Counsellor Aaron Johnson. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved.

Counsellors Present.

Samuel Bent	James Allred
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Lewis D. Wilson	Alpheus Cutler
David Fulmer	George W. Harris
Thomas Grover	Aaron Johnson
Newel Knight	William Huntington
Phineas Richards	William Snow

No business was presented to the Council ~~for~~ to be acted upon.

Voted to adjourn, to meet in this Hall on Saturday three weeks from to day at three o'clock P.M.
Closing prayer by President Bent.

C.C. Pendleton Clerk.

Special Meeting, City of Joseph June 1st 1845

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints met this day to act upon the case of James Braden, vs. Jacob Myers, and the branch over which he presides, (viz Freedom Branch, Mill Creek) it being an appeal from said branch where the said Braden was expelled.

Counsellors Present.

Samuel Bent	James Allred
Alpheus Cutler	
David Fulmer	George W. Harris
Thomas Grover	Aaron Johnson
Newel Knight	William Huntington
Phineas Richards	William Snow

Charles C. Rich Presiding, with President Bent.

A written account of Braden's trial before a Conference holden at the Freedom Beanch was presented to the Council, together with the following communication from Pres't Bent, to Jacob Myers,

To Jacob Myers President of the Mill Creek Branch, Adams Co.

I hereby notify you that James Braden has made a complaint to the High Council at Nauvoo, against you and your Branch for disfellowshipping said Braden; This is to notify you to appear before said Council on Saturday the 31st day of Mayay next at the Seventie's Hall at one o'clock

to show cause why you disfellowshipped said Braden.

Samuel Bent

President of said Council

N.B. Said Braden appeals from your decision upon his case, to the High Council. Brother Myers, I desire you to strive with all the powers of your soul, to reclaim Brother Braden, and settle the difficulty with him in your Branch, and not trouble the Council with it.

Yours with Respect,

Samuel Bent.

The High Council decided that the branch had done right in expelling him, (the said Braden.)

Meeting adjourned until Saturday 7th inst. at the Seventie's Hall at 3 o'clock P.M.

APPROVED,

H. G. Sherwood, Clerk Pro. Tem.

City of Joseph, June 7th 1845.

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints met according to adjournment, in the Seventie's Hall and from thence convened to the dwelling of H. G. Sherwoods, and opened by prayer from Counsellor Huntington.

Minutes of previous meetings read and approved.

Counsellors Present

Samuel Bent James Allred

David Fulmer George W. Harris

Thomas Grover William Huntington

Newel Knight Henry G. Sherwood, who having

Phineas Richards returned from his mission

filled his place in the Council

Voted to adjourn and meet in the Seventie's Hall on Saturday two weeks from to day at three o'clock Afternoon. Closing prayer by Counsellor H. G. Sherwood.

APPROVED,

Calvin C. Pendleton, Clk

City of Joseph June 21, 1845

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints met according to adjournment and opened by prayer from Counsellor P. Richards.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. No business being brought before the Council, a Vote was taken to adjourn sine die.

Counsellors Present

Samuel Bent	James Allred
David Fulmer	George W. Harris
Newel Knight	Aaron Johnson
Phineas Richards	William Huntington

Henry G. Sherwood

Charles C. Rich Presiding with Prest Bent. Closing prayer by Pres't Rich.

Approved Oct 18, 1845

City of Joseph Aug 9th 1845

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints met in council this day in the dwelling of Elder George A. Smith's

Opened by prayer from Pres't John Smith

Counsellors Present.

Samuel Bent James Allred

David Fulmer Alpheus Cutler

Thomas Grover George W. Harris

Newel Knight Aaron Johnson

Ezra T. Benson William Huntington

Presidents John Smith and Charles C. Rich presiding with Prest. Bent.

Wm Pomroy was cut off from the Church by a unanimous Vote of the Council for drunkenness,

profanity and for cursing the President of the Church; on the testimony of Counsellor Huntington, and Pres't John Smith.

Voted unanimously that Selah Lane be cut off from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints for unchristian like conduct, and publication of the same be given in the "Times And Seasons" and Neighbor. Unanimously Voted that Elder Freeman Nickerson, fill the seat of Counsellor Sherwood during his absence on a mission. Also Voted that the Clerk give notice to Brother Alanson Ripley to appear before the Council in two weeks from to day at two o'clock P.M.

Voted to adjourn to the present place of meeting, untill Saturday two weeks from to day at two o'clock afternoon. Closing prayer by Prest Bent.

APPROVED

C.C. Pendelton Clk

City of Joseph Aug. 23d 1845

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints met according to adjournment at Elder George A. Smith's and opened for business by prayer from Brothe[r] Isaac Morley.

Counsellors Present

Samuel Bent James Allred

Lewis D. Wilson Alpheus Cutler

David Fulmer George W. Harris

Thomas Grover Aaron Johnson

Newel Knight William Huntington

Ezra T. Benson Freeman Nickerson

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Voted that the case of Alanson Ripley be laid over till the next sitting of the Council, (two weeks from to day 2 o'clock P.M.) in consequence of his absence on business for the Nauvoo House.

The following Charge was preferred before the Council against Ira S. Miles

To the Honorable High Council of the Church of Christ at Nauvoo. I hereby prefer the following charges ~~against~~ before your body, against Ira S. Miles.

Firstly: For being engaged with a Rabble,

Secondly, For stealing watermelons & pulling up vines

Thirdly, For Brickbatting a house and other improper conduct.

Nauvoo Aug 17, 1845

Hezekiah Peck

By Vote of the Council, the preceeding charge was also laid over until the next meeting of the Council, in consequence of the absence of brother Miles.

Daniel F. Botsford, (who together with his wife had been expelled from the Church) came before the Council and petitioned for a rehearing whereupon it was Unanimously decided that he have a rehearing.

Said Botsford being unprepared to clear himself from charges against him it was unanimously Voted that he stand as he is, until he shall bring sufficient evidence to clear himself from existing testimony or chrges, or until he makes confession of his faults. Note after the setting of the Council the said Botsford and the aggrieved party became reconciled, and together went to the Counsellors and was recd by rebaptism.

Voted that the clerk notify Lindzey A. Brady to appear before this Council on Saturday two weeks from to day at 2 o'clock P.M. on charge of re baptizing Jordon Hendrickson, and otherwise maltreating the Council.

Voted unanimously that the clerk also notify Amasa Bonney to ~~meet~~ appear befor[e] said Council at the time and place above specified. Charge unchristianlike conduct in the use of intoxicating drinks.

Voted to adjourn, to meet in this house 2 weeks from to day at 2 o'clock P.M. President John Smith & Council (Isaac Morley and Chas C. Rich) Presiding with Pres't Bent.

APPROVED

C.C. Pendleton Clerk.

A written request from Elders David Elliot & Wm Smith for an adjournment in consequence of ill health and want of time on the part of brother Elliot to procure witnesses, was read, whereupon ~~by~~ with consent of Brother Holman, it was unanimously Voted that the case of David Elliot be laid over for the present.

The case of Elder Lindsey A. Brady was then considered. Elder Brady, plead ignorance of a decision of the High Council relative to rebaptising excommunicated members, (viz) that an elder or any one authorized to baptize should forfeit his membership in case of rebaptizing any excommunicated individual without due retraction or satisfaction being made to the Church; but confessed his fault, asked forgiveness, and promised never to be guilty of the like offence.

Voted unanimously that Elder Brady be continued in fellowship.

Jordon Hendrickson being present wished a standing in the church whereupon it was unanimously Voted that his case be laid over till Saturday two weeks from to day.

Voted unanimously that the case of Ira S. Miles be investigated (~~he not~~ presenting himself) ~~voted that one on a side speak.~~

Voted that President Rich give a decision, without further investigation of the subject.

James Allred
Council for Plaintiff

Council for Defendant

Charges sustained and ~~on motion C. C. R.~~ unanimously Voted that Ira S. Miles be cut off from the Church of Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Voted that James M. Flack and Francis Pullin be cited by the clerk, to appear before this Council in two weeks from to day, on charge of inebriation.

Voted to adjourn and meet in this house on Sat. two weeks from to day at two o'clock P.M.

Closing prayer by Elder John E. Page.

C. C. Pendleton Clk

Saturday Sept. 20, 1845

Owing to troubles caused by mob violence, the High Council did not meet and business pertaining to the Council was deferred till some subsequent time

Approved C. C Pendleton Clerk

City of Joseph Oct 18th 1845

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints met according to appointment and adjourned to the dwelling of President John Smith.

Opening Prayer, by Father Morley.

Counsellors Present.

Saml Bent James Allred

David Fulmer Alpheus Cutler

Newel Knight George W. Harris

Ezra T. Benson Aaron Johnson

Father John Smith, Isaac Morley & Charles C. Rich Presiding.

Voted unanimoulsy that Jordon Hendrickson be received into fellowship in this Church by rebaptism.

Voted unanimously that the case of David Elliot be dropped, as no prosecutor appeared against him.

Unanimously Voted that the cases of Alanson Ripley, James M. Flack, and Francis Pullin be dropped for want of prosecutors.

Voted to adjourn Sine Die.

Closoing prayer by Counsellor Allred

Approved

Calvin C. Pendleton Clerk